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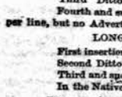


The British India Steam Navigation Company (Limited), under contract with Government, will despatch a Steamer every 14 days to the Persian Gulf, touching at Kurrachee, Guadur, Muscat, Bunder Abbas, Linga, Bushire, Fao, Mahomerah, and Bussorah.

N.B.—No cargo will be received on the day of sailing.

W. NICOL & Co., Agents.

STEAM COMMUNICATION WITH KURRACHEE.

The British India Steam Navigation Company (Limited), under Mail Contract with Government, and in connection with the Weekly Service from England, despatch a Steamer to Kurrachee every MONDAY, at noon.

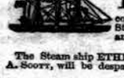
The Steam ship KURRACHEE, 510 tons, 120 H.P., Commander A. Ottyer, will be despatched on the 10th October 1870, at noon.

N.B.—No cargo will be received on the day of sailing.

W. NICOL & Co., Agents.

STEAM COMMUNICATION WITH ITALY.

(via Suez Canal).



The Steam Navigation Company of Messrs. R. RUBATTINO and Co. of GENOA, will despatch, on the 15th of each month, one of their four new Steamers, viz. :—

INDIA.....	Capt. Dodero.....	2,000 Tons
ASIA	Capt.	2,000 Tons
PERSIA	Capt. Crocco	2,000 Tons
ARABIA	Capt. Buzzolino	2,000 Tons

FROM BOMBAY TO GENOA

calling at ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, ALEXANDRIA, MESSINA, NAPLES, and LEGHORN.

These Steamers, especially built for Passenger Traffic and fitted out with elegance, and comfort, offer superior accommodation to 1st, 2nd and 3rd class Passengers.

PASSENGER RATES.

(Inclusive of all Transit Fees through the Canal.)

	1st Class.	2nd Class.		3rd Class.	
To Aden.....	£22	£15	Including Wines.		£7
Suez	36	22			8
Portsaid.....	38	23			9–10
Alexandria	39	25			9–10
Messina	45	32			12
Naples.....	47	33			13
Leghorn	50	34			14
Genoa	50	34			14
Marseilles with transhipment at Genoa	52	35		Without Food.	14–10

Children under 3 years, free of charge.

Children not above 10 years, half fare.

Passengers are allowed to break their voyage at any of the above-named Mediterranean Ports, and to resume it by any of the Company's Steamers to the port of destination marked on their Tickets.

Passengers returning within 6 months of their departure from Bombay by the Steamers of the Company are entitled to a reduction of 20 per cent. on the Return Fare.

Berths may be secured in advance by depositing half the Passage Money.

For prospectus, rates of freight and further particulars apply to VOLKART BROTHERS,
Agents Rubattino Steam Navigation Company.

Bombay, 17th August 1870.

NEW OVERLAND ROUTE

(via SUEZ CANAL.)

DIRECT SERVICE BETWEEN BOMBAY and MARSEILLES, touching at ADEN, SUEZ, ISMAILIA, PORT SAID, ALEXANDRIA (in case of need), and MARSEILLES.

LA COMPAGNIE MARSEILLAISE DE NAVIGATION A VAPEUR.—MARC FRADELIZI FERE and FILS will DESPATCH STEAMERS MONTHLY from BOMBAY to MARSEILLES, via the SUEZ CANAL.

Freight.—The Company undertake to grant through Bills of Lading for the above, and most other Continental Ports and also to Liverpool. They have further made arrangements to forward Cotton at low rates of freight to the principal towns in France, Germany, Switzerland, Italy, Belgium, and Spain.

Freight on Goods shipped to Europe to be payable at destination.

INSURANCE may be effected on very moderate terms, under the Company's Floating Policy, on goods shipped to the Continent by their own Steamers. Premiums of Insurance from Bombay to Marseilles ½ per cent.

The undersigned are further prepared to receive Merchandize from up-country, and to forward same to any part of Europe.

PASSENGER RATES.

(Inclusive of Wines, and all Transit Fees through the Canal.)

	1st Class.	2nd Class.	Deck.
To Aden.....	£ 25	£ 15	£ 5
„ Suez	£ 40	£ 32-10	£ 9
„ Port Said	£ 42	£ 24	£ 9
„ Marseilles	£ 56	£ 36	£ 16

Children over three and under ten years of age, half fare.

The Company issue Return Tickets available for six months, deducting 20 per cent from the cost of the Return Passage.

The Steamers carry both Doctor and Stewardess.

Departures from Marseilles on the 1st and from Bombay about the 7th of each month.

In accordance with the above, the s. s. BYZANTIN, 700 Tons, Captain Candelle, will be despatched on or about the 1st October next.

For further particulars, rates of Freight, &c., apply to KUNKLER, PREISWERCK, & Co., Agents.

Elphinstone Circle, 29th September 1870.

GEORGE NICOLL and Co.,

BOOT and SHOE MAKERS,

24, MEADOW STREET, BOMBAY.

1, EAST STREET, POONA.

ELPHINSTONE STREET, KURRACHEE.

P. GRANT and SON, SADDLERS, &c., have commenced business again at No. 9 Hummum Street, where all orders will be attended to.

Orders from Out-stations to be accompanied with remittance or reference for payment in Bombay.

TO MERCHANTS.

For Sale, at the Bombay Gazette Office,
Price Rs. 11.

STREET'S INDIAN and COLONIAL MERCANTILE DIRECTORY for 1870.

Containing the Trade Returns, Tariffs, Populations, names of the leading Merchants and Traders, and much general information valuable to commercial men concerning the chief towns in India, Ceylon, Aden, China, the Eastern Archipelago, Mauritius, Australia, New Zealand, Tasmania, South Africa, Canada, British Columbia, South and Central America, West Indies, Mediterranean, and the United Kingdom.

In the Directory will be found particulars as to transit an passage rates, concise descriptions of each country and town, and principal products, banks and bank agents, &c., &c.

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OVERLAND FREIGHT ROUTE VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Bombay and Bengal Steam Ship Company, take cargo to Liverpool, London, and Havre, via the Canal.

Rates of Fare for Passengers.

To Liverpool via Suez Canal—1st class £50; 2nd class £35.
To Suez—1st class £40; 2nd class £22 10s.
To Trieste (exclusive of Transit)—1st class £58; 2nd class £34.
} Exclusive of Wines.

For Freight or Passage apply to Messrs. Stephen, Kennard & Co., London; Messrs. Tod, Kennard & Co., Liverpool; Messrs. Tod, Rathborne & Co., Alexandria; or to the undersigned in Bombay.

STEARNS, HOBART, & Co.

Bombay, 8th June 1870.

OVERLAND ROUTE.

On Sunday, the 9th October, at 8 a.m., from Mazagon.

THE P. & O. Co.'s s. s. BARODA, (1,873 tons, and 400 H. P., Captain W. B. Hall, will LEAVE FOR SUEZ as above, carrying H.M.'s Mails, also Passengers and Cargo for that Port, Marseilles, Southampton, &c.

Cargo can also be booked through to Trieste, Venice, Genoa, Barcelona and Havre, Liverpool, or London.

No Cargo can be received on board after sunset on 7th instant.

The P. & O. S. N. Company reserve the option of forwarding all Goods shipped by their steamers for Europe, through Egypt, either by Rail, or by Canal in their own steamers, or in vessels employed for the purpose.

Passengers are requested to send their heavy baggage to Mazagon by 10 o'clock on the day before the Steamer's departure, in order that it may be weighed and labelled previous to shipment.

Passengers who prefer going on board the night before will be allowed to do so.

A small Steamer will leave the New Dock Head at Mazagon at 7 a.m., precisely, on the day of sailing.

PASSENGERS.

PASSENGERS intending to TRAVEL via MARSEILLES or BRINDISI are requested to take NOTICE, that it will be necessary to PROVIDE themselves with PASSPORTS viced by the French Consul, before leaving Bombay.

REDUCED PARCEL RATES.

A considerable REDUCTION has been made in the TARIFF of CHARGES for SMALL PARCELS to ENGLAND, &c., particulars of which can be learnt on application at this Office.

Ordinary Parcels will in future be received up to noon on Mail day, and Samples up to 4 P.M.

P. F. HENBY, Superintendent.

P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office, Rampart Row, Bombay,
3rd October 1870.

OVERLAND PASSENGERS.

Gentlemen proceeding Home will find all that is requisite in the following detailed list; the Goods being made specially for the passage and Home wear :—

REQUIREMENTS.

½ Dozen Silk and Wool Shirts.	1 Rug with straps.
½ „ Under Vests.	1 Maud.
½ „ Linen Collars.	1 Inverness Cape.
½ „ Fine Cotton Socks.	1 Hand Portmanteau.
½ „ Fine Merino Socks.	2 Overland Trunks.
½ „ Fine Merino Drawers.	1 Clothes Bag.
½ „ Colored Handkerchiefs.	1 Travelling Hat.
½ „ White Cambric.	1 Courier Bag.
1 Overland Suit.	1 Easy Chair.
2 Sleeping Suits.	1 Umbrella.
3 Pairs of Kid Gloves.	1 Pair of Brushes.
6 Scarfs and Ties.	Ladies' Overland Trunks.

Return Fares.—First Class Passengers embarking from India by the P. and O. Co.'s Steamer within six months of their arrival from England, and vice versa, will be allowed a reduction of 20 per cent. on the Return Passage Money.

Bombay. BADHAM & Co., Apollo House.

SALES BY AUCTION.

BENNETT and COMPANY.
No. 5 Forbes Street.

AUCTION SALE OF TEAK TIMBER.

On WEDNESDAY, the 14th instant, at 3 P.M., Messrs. BENNETT and Co. are instructed to sell by public auction, at Tank Bunder :—

44 square logs of 1st class Moulmain Teak Timber.
6 round ditto ditto ditto
148 square ditto 2nd class ditto ditto

One handsome English-built serviceable Hansom, with a strong Australian Horse and Harness.

BENNETT & Co.

Bombay, 4th October 1870.

CRAWFORD and COMPANY,
5, Marine Street, Bombay.

AUCTION SALE OF HANDSOME CARVED HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, GLASS, PORCELAIN PLATED WARE, &c.

THIS DAY TUESDAY, the 4th Oct., at 1 P.M., Messrs. CRAWFORD & Co. will sell by Public Auction, in a Bungalow, No. 10 at Mazagon Matharpakhadee opposite the Parsi Agiary, the handsomely carved blackwood household furniture, &c., of a Gentleman leaving Bombay, the same comprises a set of rich cut glassware, a white and green dinner set, a green and gold dessert set, a white and gold breakfast set, electroplated spoons and forks, curry and vegetable dishes, dish covers, epergne, single and double candlesticks, best cutlery, circular, pier, sofa, dining, dressing, and washing tables, easy drawing-room, dining-room, and dressing-room chairs, round table with marble slab, drawing-room sofas, chiffoniers, bookshelves, teapoys, screens, a four-post bedstead, camp cots, reclining couches, wardrobes, chest of drawers, gown presses, sideboard, dumb waiter, table argand lamps, a two and single light hanging argand lamps, velvet carpet, pictures, large pier glass, cheval glass, dispense and bathroom furniture, books, and cooking utensils.

At 2 P.M.

A shigram, horse and harness.

N.B.—The above is now on view.

Bombay, 4th October 1870. CRAWFORD & Co.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

NOTICE.—Consignees of CARGO per Ship ELLEN BATES, Sweany Master, from Liverpool, are requested to PAY FREIGHT and SEND BILLS of LADING to the undersigned for countersignature; as also to SEND OFF BOATS for their Goods as they come to hand.

In cases where Boats are not sent the Goods will be landed at Consignee's risk and expense.

EDWARD BATES & Co.,
Agents for Captain and Owners.

Bombay, 3rd October 1870.

ONCE A WEEK,
A FRESH ADVERTISEMENT.

HOSIERY DEPARTMENT.

GENT'S COTTON SOCKS, per doz.	Rs.	4 0
GENT'S COTTON SOCKS, per doz.	Rs.	4 8
GENT'S COTTON SOCKS, per doz.	Rs.	5 0
GENT'S COTTON SOCKS, per doz.	Rs.	5 8
GENT'S COTTON SOCKS, per doz.	Rs.	5 12
GENT'S COTTON SOCKS, per doz.	Rs.	6 8
GENT'S COTTON SOCKS, per doz.	Rs.	8 8
GENT'S COTTON SOCKS, per doz.	Rs.	10 8
GENT'S COTTON SOCKS, per doz.	Rs.	11 8
GENT'S COTTON SOCKS, per doz.	Rs.	12 8
GENT'S COTTON SOCKS, per doz.	Rs.	13 8
GENT'S COTTON SOCKS, per doz.	Rs.	14 8
GENT'S COTTON SOCKS, per doz.	Rs.	15 8
GENT'S COTTON SOCKS, per doz.	Rs.	16 8
GENT'S COTTON SOCKS, per doz.	Rs.	18 8
GENT'S COTTON SOCKS, per doz.	Rs.	19 8
GENT'S COTTON SOCKS, per doz.	Rs.	20 0
GENT'S STRIPED COTTON SOCKS, per dozen	Rs.	5 8
GENT'S STRIPED COTTON SOCKS, per dozen	Rs.	10 8
GENT'S STRIPED COTTON SOCKS, per dozen	Rs.	12 8
GENT'S STRIPED COTTON SOCKS, per dozen	Rs.	14 8
GENT'S STRIPED COTTON SOCKS, per dozen	Rs.	15 8
GENT'S STRIPED COTTON SOCKS, per dozen	Rs.	16 8
GENT'S STRIPED COTTON SOCKS, per dozen	Rs.	18 8
GENT'S STRIPED COTTON SOCKS, per dozen	Rs.	20 0
GENT'S STRIPED COTTON SOCKS, per dozen	Rs.	21 8
GENT'S STRIPED COTTON SOCKS, per dozen	Rs.	22 8
GENT'S STRIPED MERINO SOCKS, per dozen	Rs.	12 8
GENT'S STRIPED MERINO SOCKS, per dozen	Rs.	13 8
GENT'S STRIPED MERINO SOCKS, per dozen	Rs.	14 8
GENT'S STRIPED MERINO SOCKS, per dozen	Rs.	15 8
GENT'S STRIPED MERINO SOCKS, per dozen	Rs.	16 8
GENT'S STRIPED MERINO SOCKS, per dozen	Rs.	18 8

CASH TO ACCOMPANY ORDER.

WATSON and SONS,

CORNER OF RAMPART ROW.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

NOTICE.—SEALED TENDERS will be received by the Executive Engineer, Bombay Defences, at his Office at Mazagon, up to noon on THURSDAY, the 6th of October 1870, for the SUPPLY by CONTRACT of PETTY STORES for one year.

The Executive Engineer reserves to himself the right of rejecting any Tender without assigning any cause for so doing.

All particulars relating to this Contract may be learned on personal application during office hours at the Office of the EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, Bombay Defences.

NOTICE.—To be SOLD by PUBLIC AUCTION in H. M.'s Dockyard, on MONDAY, the 10th instant, and the days following, a quantity of OLD and UNSERVICEABLE MARINE STORES, consisting of Awnings, Old Canvas, Sails, Rope old (Coir and Europe), Boats, Masts, Yards, Iron, Copper old from Boilers, Brass old, Cases, Casks, Tins, &c. Terms of Sale as usual, and for further particulars apply to the undersigned.

W. L. SEARLE, Lieut., late I. N.,
Marine Storekeeper.

Marine Storekeeper's Office, Bombay, October, 1870.

IN the HIGH COURT of JUDICATURE at BOMBAY.—Ordinary Original Civil Jurisdiction.

In the matter of the Indian Companies Act 1866, and in the matter of the BOMBAY FINANCE CORPORATION (Limited).

UPON reading the Affidavit of ARDASEER BOMANJEE KAKA, the Official Liquidator of the abovenamed Corporation, sworn on the 29th day of August last, and the final Account and Balance Sheet thereto annexed, and upon reading the Order made herein on the said 25th day of August last, and the Affidavit of the said Official Liquidator, sworn on the 2nd day of September instant, and the copy certificate of the Accountant of the High Court, dated the 31st day of August last, I hereby declare that the said Official Liquidator has passed his Final Account as such Official Liquidator, and that the affairs of said Corporation have been completely wound up; and that this Order be advertised once in the "Government Gazette," once in the "Times of India," once in the "Bombay Gazette," once in the "Bombay Summachar" and the "Sudnyan "Bodhuk."—Dated this 29th day of September 1870.

DALLAS & LYNCH,
Attorneys for the Official Liquidator.

BRITISH INDIA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY (Limited).

The following are the DATES of SAILING of this Company's Steamers :—

FROM CALCUTTA.

For CHITTAGONG and AKYAB, 14th and 28th October, and 11th and 25th November.

For AKYAB, RANGOON and MOULMEIN, 5th and 19th October, and 2nd and 16th November.

For RANGOON and MOULMEIN, 12th and 26th October, and 9th and 23rd November.

For STRAITS, calling at Rangoon and Moulmein, 12th October and 9th November.

For PORT BLAIR and CAMORTA, 28th October and 25th November.

For BOMBAY, calling at Gopaulpore, Bimlipatam, Vizagapatam, Coconada, Madras, Negapatam, Galle, Colombo, Tuticorin, Cochin, or Narrakel, and weather permitting, Beypore, Calicut, Cannanore and Mangalore,) and Carwar, 4th and 18th October, and 1st, 15th, and 29th November.

FROM BOMBAY.

For CALCUTTA, calling at the same ports as the Steamers from Calcutta for Bombay, 11th and 25th October, and 8th and 22nd November.

For KURRACHEE, 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, and 31st October, and 7th, 14th, 21st, and 28th November.

For PERSIAN GULF, calling at Kurrachee, Gwadur, Muscat, Bunder Abbas, Linga, Bushire, Fao, and Bussorah, and carrying Passengers and Cargo for Bagdad, 3rd, 17th, and 31st October, and 14th and 28th November.

FROM MADRAS.

For RANGOON, calling at Masulipatam, Coconada, Vizagapatam and Bimlipatam, 8th October and 5th November.

Managing Agents .....Messrs. MACKINNON, MACKENZIE and Co., Calcutta.
Agents at Bombay.....Messrs. WILLIAM NICOL and Co.
„ Madras .....Messrs. BINNY & Co.

LIST of UNCLAIMED LETTERS that have accumulated in the Bombay General Post Office from 1st to 30th September 1870.

Antrim, G	Henderson, C P
Anunt Narayen Adarker	Irvine, A
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Barkshire, J	Lewis, J
Burjorjee Hormusjee	Lane, G H
Campbell, J C P	MacKillop, Stewart & Co.
Chambers, G, Miss	Maitland, P
Coombs, H W	Marquinez, J F C
Cayley, Dr	Martin, R M
Cogan, D	Mann, C H
Cunigham, Mrs	Moses & Co
Dutty, J W	Nazareth, L
Daly, D R	Price, G
Dale, R	Phillan
Dadabhoy Nusserwanjee	Plunkett, G
Doombhoy	Parry, J H
Dhondee Trimbuck	Ramsey, J
Drury, M [illegible]	Richardson, E H
[illegible] A	Rayson, P E
Fernandes, D	Stephen
Gunesh Mahapatee	Southey, P
Greig, B E	Stewart, M
Gordon, F D L J	Shahzada Ferozeshaw
Greenbeorg, H	Sharp, T
Heycock, C F	The Agent Nurbudda Coal and Iron Co.
Hooper, J	Wade, Mrs
Hallyar	Wilson, Mrs
Hoadley, J	Young, J
Hormusjee Dadabhoy Makassana	

C. A. STUART, Postmaster.

NOTICES.

ALLAN'S CYCLONIAN WATERPROOF SUITS, made expressly to resist the severest weather, warranted not to stick together, and will last for years.

Black Coat, Leggings, and Cap.....	Rs. 30
Drab ditto ditto	35

For Waterproof Suit and size of chest, height, and Cash.
A few Waterproof Saddle Covers.

A JOB LOT OF SCOTCH TWEED'S, at reduced prices for monsoon wear.

Double breasted Coat and Trousers.....	Rs. 20
Fancy dark silk mixed Tweeds	30
Double breasted Coat and Trousers	30
Drab and Brown Alpine Hats	Rs. 5 to 6
Black Merino Coat lined Hats.....	7

HOSIERY, English-made Shirts, Collars, and Fancy Ties, Merino and Woollen Hose, Merino and Wool Under Shirts, Cotton and Woollen Sleeping Suits, from Re. 12 to Rs. 18.

SPLENDID LARGE CARPETS, 30 by 22, 10 by 7, and 6-8 ; by 4-6, Portmanteaus, Coupling Straps, Scotch Mauds and Rail Rugs.

Terms Cash.

17 Apollo Street. A. ALLAN.

MESSRS. BADHAM & COMPANY,
APOLLO HOUSE,
BOMBAY.

		Rs. a.
BADHAM'S Celebrated Wove Flannel Shirts		9 0
BADHAM'S „	Silk and Wool.....	9 8
BADHAM'S „	Indian Shirt	7 0
BADHAM'S „	French Colored Shirts .. 65	0 per doz.
BADHAM'S „	White Shirts.....	60 0 „
BADHAM'S „	Overland Suits	35 0
BADHAM'S „	Travelling Suits	35 0
BADHAM'S „	Silk & Wool Sleeping Suits	20 0
BADHAM'S „	All Wool Sleeping Suits...	18 0
BADHAM'S „	Indian Suits for Sleeping	16 0
BADHAM'S „	Serge Suits	40 0

HOSIERS, GLOVERS and GENERAL WAREHOUSEMEN.
By appointment
To His Excellency the GOVERNOR GENERAL of INDIA.

WENHAM LAKE ICE COMPANY,
No. 9, MARINE STREET.

WENHAM LAKE ICE on SALE, wholesale and retail.

Pass Books for Monthly Credit Accounts available.

Particular attention paid to the execution of out-station orders.

Orders from out-stations must be accompanied by Cash or reference for payment in Bombay.

Orders by Telegraph should mention Bombay reference.

TOBACCO on SALE at the WENHAM LAKE ICE COMPANY'S OFFICES, No. 9, Marine Street, Fort.

GOLDEN ORANGE HONEY DEW, 1 to 5 lbs., Rs. 1-8 per lb., 20 lbs. and upwards Re. 1 per lb.

VIRGINIA PLUM, 1 to 5 lbs. Re. 1 per lb.; 20 lbs. and upwards 14 annas per pound.

Orders from Out-Stations must be accompanied by Cash or reference for payment in Bombay.

SUNDRY ARTICLES of American Import on SALE at the WENHAM LAKE ICE COMPANY'S OFFICE, No. 9, Marine Street, Fort.

Kerosine Oil—best refined.

900 Ash oars, 9 to 18 feet long.....		5 as. per foot.
100 barrels Navy Bread, 8,703 lbs.....	Rs.	10 per cwt.
Platform Scales, weighing 1,200 lbs.....	„	125 each.
Do. „ 800 „	„	100 „
American Union Scales.....	„	20 „
Cheap Tea Scales, 9 lbs.....	„	15 „
Do. 4 „	„	10 „
Post-office Scales, 1 oz.....	„	10 „
Preserved Lobsters, 1 lb. tins	„	6 per doz.
Do. Oysters, „	„	6 „
Condensed Milk	„	12 „
American Cheese.....	„	1 per lb.

Orders from Out-Stations must be accompanied by Cash or reference for payment in Bombay.

KEROSINE OIL STREET LAMPS.—The undersigned have in stock a large supply of Victoria and Washington Street Lamps, as well as the internal parts of Victoria Street Lamps, which can be used in any ordinary Street lantern.

The Victoria or Washington Street Lamps are in extensive use in Bombay, throughout the Presidency, and in the Native States. They are adapted for Verandahs, Gardens, or any out-door lighting where a lamp is required that neither wind nor rain affects.

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FARNHAM & Co.

LINDLEY and WARREN,
PHOTOGRAPHERS, and MINIATURE PAINTERS,
28, Apollo Street.

Studio open from 9 till 5, earlier by appointment.

PORTRAITS and GROUPS taken daily—CARTES, VIGNETTES, CABINETS, and FULL SIZE. Photos copied, enlarged, and painted in Water Colours and Black and White.

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GROUPS, BUNGALOWS, VIEWS, HORSES, &c., photographed anywhere in Bombay without extra charge.

NATIVE CHARACTERS and VIEWS (both large and small) of Bombay and Presidency always kept in stock.

Prices on application.

NOTICES.

CONCERT IN AID OF THE SUFFERERS BY THE WAR.—Under distinguished Patronage (particulars of which will be published hereafter), and with talented help, Mons. KRUGER, late First Flute Solo of the "Ali France Philharmonic Society," proposes to give a CONCERT, about the 5th of October, for the BENEFIT of the SUFFERERS (the Wounded, the Widows, and Orphans) in the present War. Amateurs or Professionals willing to offer their services are requested to communicate as early as possible with M. Kruger, care of *Times of India* office.

P. S.—The Committee of the Indo-British Institution have kindly allowed the use of their Hall.

ALBERT LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY.

The UNDERSIGNED begs to inform POLICY-HOLDERS in the above Company, that, he has from THIS DAY CEASED to represent the OFFICIAL LIQUIDATORS in Western India.

D. McL. SLATER.

Bombay, 1st October 1870.

ALBERT LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY
(In Liquidation.)

NOTICE is hereby given, that the BOMBAY OFFICE of this Company is CLOSED from this date inclusive. All future Communications to be addressed to the undersigned.

C. H. OGBOURNE,
Attorney for the Official Liquidators.

Calcutta, 1st October 1870.

ALBERT LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY.

At a large MEETING of POLICYHOLDERS of the ALBERT LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY and its ASSOCIATED OFFICES to-day, Mr. JAMES THOMSON in the Chair, the following RESOLUTIONS were adopted :—

1. "That the Policyholders approve and accept the scheme of reconstruction prepared by the Committee of Policyholders, Annuitants, and Shareholders in the Albert Life Assurance Company, and now submitted to the Meeting, subject to such modifications as may be found expedient, and be sanctioned by the Court of Chancery."

2. "That this Meeting earnestly impress upon the Policyholders the importance of sending in their individual assents to the scheme as speedily as possible, so as to strengthen the hands of the Committee in carrying the same into effect."

3. "That the Policyholders consider it desirable and agree to pay the premiums due on their respective Policies to an account to be opened at the Bank of England and the Agra Bank, Limited, in the names of Messrs. Thomson, Bell, and Major-General Cunningham, three of the Members of the Committee of Policyholders, Annuitants, and Shareholders in the Albert Life Assurance Company; the premiums to be retained, in case the Scheme of Reconstruction should not be carried out, without deduction of any kind."—*Times*, 29th April 1870.

The AGRA BANK, Limited, is PREPARED to RECEIVE PREMIA on Policies in the above Company, in terms of the foregoing Resolutions.

EDWARD MORRISS,
Manager, Bombay Branch.

Bombay, 1st June 1870.

NATIONAL BANK of INDIA (Limited).—NOTICE.—Under telegraphic advice from London a DIVIDEND for the half-year ending 30th June last, at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum, will be PAYABLE on and after the 7th instant to the PROPRIETORS registered on the BOOKS of the BOMBAY BRANCH on 19th ultimo, on production of Share Certificates.

JAMES WINDRAM, Manager.

National Bank of India, Bombay, 1st October 1870.

In the matter of Act 28 of 1865, and in the Estate of SOONDERJEE NANJEE and MORARJEE SOONDERJEE, trading in Bombay under the name and style of SOONDERJEE NANJEE & Co., in Calcutta of NANJEE JEYCHUIN & Co., and in Mangarole of SOONDERJEE NANJEE.

NOTICE is hereby given, that a THIRD and FINAL DIVIDEND of 3 (three) per cent. will be PAID to Creditors of the above Estate on WEDNESDAY the 5th proximo, and on every ensuing WEDNESDAY, between the hours of 10 A.M. and 2 P.M.

T. F. PUNNETT,
Trustee of the above Estate.

Bruce Lane, 16th September 1870.

NOTICE.—The undermentioned Banks will be CLOSED on MONDAY and TUESDAY, the 3rd and 4th proximo, on account of DUSSARA Holiday :—

For the Oriental Bank Corporation,
J. F. MOIR, Agent.

For the Chartered Mercantile Bank of India, London and China,
ROBT. CAMPBELL, Agent.

For the Chartered Bank of India, Australia, and China,
JAMES SIMPSON, Agent.

For the Comptoir D'Escompte de Paris,
E. J. HARDASILE, Manager.

For the National Bank of India (Limited),
JAMES WINDRAM, Manager.

For the Agra Bank (Limited),
EDWARD MORRISS, Manager.

For the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation,
R. STEVENSON, Agent.

Bombay, 27th September 1870.

NOTICE.

THE PROLONGATION OF THE

WAR IN FRANCE,

and the consequent uncertainty of supplies from

THE CHAMPAGNE DISTRICTS,

compel us to ADVANCE, from this date, the PRICE of the higher brands of our SPARKLING WINES, viz. :—

QUARTS, from Rs. 36 to Rs. 40 per dozen.
PINTS, from Rs. 19-8 to Rs. 22 per dozen.

The supply even at these rates we cannot long guarantee.

CUTLER, PALMER & Co.,

27th September 1870. Bombay.

BANK of INDIA (in Liquidation).—NOTICE is hereby given, that a GENERAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the abovenamed Bank will be HELD at the Bank Office, No. 90 Moodee Street, on WEDNESDAY, the 19th day of October next, at 12 o'clock noon, for the transaction of the following business :—

1st. To accept Mr. Shaw's resignation as Liquidator of the Bank.

2nd. To receive the final Report and Account of the Liquidator, showing the manner in which the winding-up of the Company has been conducted and the property of the Company disposed of.

3rd. To pass Resolution declaring the affairs of the said Company fully wound up.

4th. To pass Resolution as to the disposal of all Books, Accounts, and Documents of the said Bank.

BERAMJI NAOROSJI, Liquidator.

Bombay, 17th September 1870.

REJOSEPH GRAY TYNDALL, deceased.—Pursuant to Act XXVIII. of 1866 of the Legislative Council of India, entitled "The Trustees' and Mortgagees' Powers Act 1866," NOTICE is hereby given, that ALL PERSONS being Creditors of or otherwise having Claims upon or against the Estate of JOSEPH GRAY TYNDALL, late of Bombay, British Merchant, a Partner in the Firm of Messrs. WILLIAM NICOL & Co., deceased, who died at 142 Russell Road, Kensington, in the County of Middlesex, in England, on the 31st day of May 1870, and Probate of whose last Will and Testament was granted by the High Court of Judicature at Bombay on the 27th September 1870 to WILLIAM GILMOUR HALL, the Executor named in the said Will, are required, on or before the 27th October 1870, to send to Messrs. RIMINGTON, HORE and LANGLEY, Proctors for the said Executor, the particulars of their Claim against the Estate of the said deceased, and that at the expiration of such time the said Executor will proceed to administer to the said Estate, having regard to the claims only of which he shall then have Notice. All persons being indebted to the said Estate or having property of the deceased in their hands are hereby required forthwith to pay or account for the said debts or property to the said Executor.—Dated this 28th September 1870.

RIMINGTON, HORE & LANGLEY, Proctors,
High Court, Bombay.

AUCTION SALE of FORAS LAND at CHURLEE or BIRRACH CANDY ROAD, near the RACE COURSE.—The Liquidators of the Royal Bank of India have instructed Messrs. NUSSERWANJEE CULLIANDASS & Co., Auctioneers, to SELL by PUBLIC AUCTION (unless previously disposed of by private contract) on FRIDAY, the 14th day of October next, at 3 o'clock P.M., on the premises, all their right, title, and interest in certain vast piece or parcels of Foras Land, situated at Worlee or Breach Candy Road, near the Race Course, in the sub-district of Mazagon, containing by admeasurement one to twenty thousand and five hundred square yards or thereabouts, and mortgaged to the Bank. The property will be put up for sale in one lot, and sold at so much per square yard, and the full particulars of the property and the condition of sale can be inspected at the Office of the Liquidators of the Bank, in Meadow Street, Bombay, from the 10th instant.

SADANAND BALCRUSTNA,
Manager to the Liquidators of the Royal Bank of India.

Bombay, 2nd August 1870.

COMPAGNIE LYONNAISE D'ASSURANCES MARITIMES—LYONS.—The undersigned having been appointed AGENTS of the above-mentioned MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY are now prepared to accept Risks and grant Policies on every kind of Produce, either by Steamer or by Sailing Vessel to any Port.

All risks accepted by the Compagnie Lyonnaise d'Assurances Maritimes are participated in equally by the following old-established French Companies, viz. :—

Le Lloyd Francais, established 33 years.
La Compagnie Francaise, established 10 years.

Bombay, 19th April 1870. GADDUM & Co.

THE BYCULLA STUDIO will be CLOSED during the Rains from THIS DATE, and will open in East Street, Poona.

W. G. STRETTON.

Bombay, 1st June 1870.

MESSRS. DANGE and KNELL have just arrived per Steamship STOWELL, from England, for the purpose of CLEARING OFF a—

BANKRUPTCY STOCK OF DRAPERY GOODS,

COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE.

MILITARY.

ARRIVALS.—OCTOBER 3.

Ward, Quartermaster, 41st Regiment, on sick leave, from Subathoo.
Smith, Assistant Surgeon, 3rd Light Cavalry, on leave, from Poona.
Marrow, Assistant Apothecary, Madras Medical Department, on leave, from Kamptee.
Sheddon, Staff Assistant Surgeon, Medical Staff, on duty, from Kamptee.

DEPARTURES.—OCTOBER 3.

Ward, Captain, Royal Artillery, on duty, to Peshawur.
Montgomery, Captain, 41st (The Welsh.) Regt., on duty, to Subathoo.
Newill, Lieutenant, 1st Madras Cavalry, on duty, to Kamptee.
Fisher, Captain, Bombay Staff Corps, on furlough, to Hydrabad Sind.
Taylor, Major, 8th Regiment B. N. I., to join, to Calcutta.

BENGAL GOVERNMENT ORDERS.

(*Calcutta Gazette*, Sept. 28.)

Mr. Ross Lewis Mangles to officiate, until further orders, as Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Lower Provinces.

Mr. Daniel James McNeil to officiate, until further orders, as Junior Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Lower Provinces.

Mr. Henry Cobbe Sutherland to officiate, until further orders, as Magistrate and Collector of Sylhet, in the first grade.

Mr. A. B. Miller to officiate as Professor of Indian Law and Jurisprudence at the Presidency College during the absence, on leave, of Mr. T. D. Ingram, or until further orders.

Mr. W. H. Oakley, Assistant Conservator of Forests, Dacca Division, is allowed leave of absence from the date on which he availed himself of it up to the 15th October.

Major Robert Stewart, Deputy Commissioner of the Khasi and Jynteah Hills, is allowed subsidiary leave for a period not exceeding thirty days, from the 1st November next, or subsequent date, preparatory to proceeding to Europe on furlough.

Mr. William Blundell, officiating Sub-Deputy Opium Agent of Allegunge, for one month, from the 16th October.

Mr. George Field, Sub-Deputy Opium Agent of Chuprah, will conduct the duties of Mr. Blundell's office in addition to his own, during that officer's absence.

Mr. T. Dunbar Ingram, Professor of Indian Law and Jurisprudence at the Presidency College, for two months, without pay, from the 1st October.

Mr. William Watt Daly to officiate in the fourth grade.

The promotions of the following Police Officers are sanctioned, vice Mr. T. Weldon, retired:—

Mr. Frederick Adams to the third grade of District Superintendents.

Mr. Henry Augustus Coombs to the fourth grade of District Superintendents.

Mr. James Patch, to the fifth grade of District Superintendents.

Mr. Henry Neville Harris to the first grade of Assistant Superintendents.

Mr. Francis Graves to the second grade of Assistant Superintendents.

Mr. William Victor Bertleson, officiating Assistant Superintendent of Police, Pubna, to be an Assistant Superintendent of the third grade.

Mr. James Cullen, M.B., C.M., to be Civil Medical Officer of Motecharee.

The services of Apothecary William Arnold Kidd, in medical charge of the Public Works Establishment at Dehree, are placed at the disposal of the Government of India, in the Military Department.

Mr. G. Latham, Executive Engineer, third grade, attached to the Third Presidency Division, is allowed privilege leave for two months.

The Lieutenant-Governor is pleased to make the following promotions in the Irrigation Branch of the Public Works Department, Bengal, with effect from 1st September 1870:—

To be Executive Engineer, First Grade.

Captain J. M. McNeile, R.S., Executive Engineer, second grade, Sasseram Division.

To be Executive Engineer, Second Grade.

Captain J. M. Heywood, R.E., Executive Engineer, third grade, on survey duty.

To be Executive Engineers, Fourth Grade.

Mr. J. Campbell, Assistant Engineer, first grade, officiating Executive Engineer, Pooree Division.

Mr. C. W. Odling, Assistant Engineer, first grade.

To be Assistant Engineer, First Grade.

Lieutenant G. F. E. S. Neil, R.A., Assistant Engineer, second grade.

To be Assistant Engineers, Third Grade.

Mr. A. C. Rogers, Engineer Apprentice.

Mr. A. Salmon, Engineer Apprentice.

Mr. J. Campbell, Executive Engineer, fourth grade, to the executive charge of the Pooree Division.

MADRAS GOVERNMENT ORDERS.

(*Fort St. George Gazette*, September 27.)

Mr. J. W. Brooks, Commissioner, Neilgheries, two months' privilege leave.

Captain A. M. Lys, Superintendent of Police, Ganjam, privilege leave for three months, with restropective effect from the 24th August last.

Mr. C. D. Maclean, Assistant to the Collector and Magistrate of Coimbatore, for one month.

Lieutenant-Colonel Thomas Gordon Moore Lane, Staff Corps, to act on Colonel Wilson's responsibility as Government Agent at Chepauk and Paymaster of Carnatic Stipends.

Lieutenant-Colonel Thomas Gordon Moore Lane, Staff Corps, to act on Colonel Wilson's responsibility as Persian and Hindustani Translator to Government.

Surgeon-Major [illegible], M.D., Principal of the Medical College, Professor of Medicine in the Medical College, and Physician of the General Hospital, Madras.

Surgeon Michael Cudmore Furnell, to officiate as Ophthalmic Surgeon of the General Hospital and Professor of Ophthalmic Surgery and Physiology in the Medical College.

Mr. H. Fortey, Inspector of Schools, 2nd Division, has been granted privilege leave of absence for one month.

Surgeon-Major W. Aitkin, M.D., Garrison Surgeon, Cannanore, leave on furlough to Europe for two years.

NORTH-WESTERN PROVINCES ORDERS.

(*Government Gazette, N. W. Provinces*, Sept. 28.)

Dr. George Moncrieff Govan, M.D., Civil Surgeon of Almorah, two months' privilege leave of absence, with effect from the 1st Sept.

Captain Charles Richard Matthews, Assistant Commissioner, Jhansie, one month's privilege leave of absence, from the 16th of October.

Mr. William Chichele Plowden, officiating Magistrate and Collector of Meerut, one month's privilege leave of absence, from the 13th Sept.

Mr. William Watson, M.D., officiating Superintendent-General of Vaccination, North-Western Provinces, to hold charge of the Jail at Almorah during the absence on leave of Dr. George Moncrieff Govan, M.D.

Mr. Frederick Kilvert, officiating Deputy Collector, Kumaon, to officiate as Assistant Superintendent of the Terai Pergunnahs.

Lieutenant Henry William John Senior, whose services have been placed at the disposal of this Government by the Government of India in the Military Department, to officiate as Adjutant of the Ajmere and Mhairwara Police Battalion, vice Lieutenant Walter Wightwick Haywood.

The services of Mr. John Sime, B.A., Professor of Literature in the Agra College, are placed at the disposal of the Government of the Punjab.

Lieutenant G. Plunkett, R.E., Assistant Engineer, 2nd grade, passed the higher standard examination in Hindoostanee, on the 10th January last.

One month's privilege leave of absence is granted to Lieutenant O. C. Dyce, R.A., temporary Assistant Engineer, Bundelkhund Irrigation Survey.

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor has been pleased to make the following promotions in the Irrigation Branch, Department Public Works, from 1st September, 1870:—

EXECUTIVE ENGINEERS.

To 1st Grade.—No vacancies are available.
To 2nd Grade.—No vacancies are available.
To 3rd Grade.
Lieutenant J. H. Western, R.E.
Mr. G. H. Howe.

To 4th Grade.—Promotions are suspended under the orders of the Government of India, pending the absorption of Supernumeraries.

ASSISTANT ENGINEERS.

To 1st Grade.
Lieutenant S. M. Lambert, R.E.
Mr. W. P. Richardson.

SHIPPING.

DAILY FREIGHT REPORT.—3RD OCTOBER.

London...	Cotton	£1 15s. 0d. to £2 0s.	Nom. p.ton
	Cases	£1 15s. 0d. to £1 17s. 6d.	,,
	Seeds	£1 5s. 0d. to £1 10s.	,,
Liverpool	Iron Ships Cotton	£1 12s. 6d. to £1 15s. 0d.	,,
	Wooden Ships	£1 10s. 0d. to £1 15s. 0d.	,,
	Myrabolms & Coir bdls	£0 7s. 6d. to £0 10s. 0d.	,,
	Seeds	£0 12s. 6d. to £0 15s. 0d.	,,
Havre.....	Cotton	£1 12s. 6d. to £1 15s. 0d.	,,
	Coffee	Nominal	
Overland ...	Steamers	£2 5s. 0d. to £2 10s. 0d.	,,
Liverpool via Suez Canal		£2 5s. 0d. to £2 7s. 6d.	,,
China ...	Steamer Cotton	Rs. 5 to 6 per bale.	
	,, Opium	Rs. 25 to 30 per chest.	
	Sailing Ships	Rs. 3 per bale,	
Calcutta ...	Salt	Rs. 3 0 0 per ton	
Calcutta to Bombay		Rs. 15 and Calcutta Port charges	
Mauritius		8 annas to 10 p. bag	nominal

DEPARTURES.

Oct.	Vessel.	Commander.	Destination.
3	City of Canton	Tannock	Liverpool.
	Comete	Bernard	Mahi.
	Magpie Trimble	Trimmouth	Rangoon.
	M. S. Elphinstone (s)	Healy	Malabar Coast.
	Basheer (s)	Sharp	Persian Gulf via Kurrachee.

The following vessels obtained their port clearances yesterday—

Ship Ocean Belle, Jarvis, to Colombo.
Ship City of Paris, McDonald, to Tuticorin.

The following vessels began to load yesterday—

Steamer Baroda, to Aden and Suez.
Steamer Behar, to China, &c.

THE HOOGHLY.

ARRIVAL.

Sept. 29 Glen Isla ..... Nacoda ..... Jedda, August 2.

MADRAS.

ARRIVALS.

Sept. 27 Himalaya (s) ..... Atkinson ..... Bombay.
28 Sattara (s) ..... Calcutta.

DEPARTURES

Sept. 28 General Canfield ..... London.
Valetta ..... Chittagong.
Himalaya (s) ..... Calcutta.

Passenger arrived per Himalaya—For Madras—Mr C Colley, and Mr Williamson.
For Bimlipatam—Mr Walsh, and Mr. Cooke.

COLABA OBSERVATORY.

RESULTS OF METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS made at the Government Observatory, Colaba, Latitude 18° 53′ 30″ N., long. 4h. 51m. 16s. E. Height of Barometer above the Sea 37 feet.

Mean daily values derived from 24 hourly observations on 1st October.

Barometer corrected to 32 deg. Fah.	.845 in.
Temperature of the Air	79·6 ,,
Wet Bulb Thermometer	76·0 ,,
Dew Point	74·7 ,,
Relative Humidity of Air	·853 ,,
Extent of cloudy sky (the whole sky counted as 10)	5·7 ,,
Maximum temperature of air (read at 9½ A.M.) on following day	84·4 ,,
Minimum ,, ,,	75·3 ,,
Gen. Direction of Wind—NNW, N, NE, NW, NNE, ESE.	
Movement in 24 hours	324 miles.
	In. Cts.
Fall of rain during the week	0 3
Registered between 1st January and 26th Sept.	61 53
Total fall of rain between 1st Jany. and 2nd Oct.	61 56

TO THE INHABITANTS OF BOMBAY.

THE ROYAL NAVY has suffered a GREAT and TERRIBLE LOSS.

The turret-ship "CAPTAIN" has FOUNDERED, and all hands—so the telegram states—500 or more in number, have suddenly and without warning gone to the bottom.

These 500 men leave probably 150 widows, and perhaps 400 orphans. I give the numbers merely as probable, for I know no more of the real facts than the sad words of the telegraphic communication which you have all read—sorrowing.

I ask your HELP for these bereaved ones.

L. G. HEATH, Commodore,
Commanding H. M. Ships in Indian Seas.

The Managers of the local Banks have kindly consented to receive SUBSCRIPTIONS.

"BIS DAT QUI CITO DAT."

THE WAR-TELEGRAMS

WILL BE ISSUED FROM THIS OFFICE TO-DAY AS SPECIAL EDITIONS IMMEDIATELY ON ARRIVAL.

DOMESTIC OCCURRENCES.

[THE CHARGE FOR NOTIFYING A DOMESTIC OCCURRENCE IS ONE RUPEE, AND THE ANNOUNCEMENT MUST BE AUTHENTICATED.]

BOMBAY.

BIRTH.

WATT—October 1st, at Sholapore, the wife of Mr. A. C. Watt, C.S., of a daughter.

MARRIAGE.

FANSHAWE—WASTELL—October 3rd, at St. Thomas' Cathedral, Bombay, by the Rev. C. T. Wilson, M.A., H. W. Ardral, Bombay, by the Rev. C. T. Wilson, M.A., H. W. A

LESSONS FROM THE WAR.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

SIR,—Now that the much-to-be-lamented war between Prussia and France is drawing to an end, it is to be hoped that the Government in England have been aroused to such a sense of the danger that the country has been exposed to from the reduction of its army and of all the departments on which that army would be dependent in the event of its taking the field, that they will not again allow the country necessarily (from these causes) to occupy such a very secondary position among other nations. The theory that nations can become too civilised to rush into war has been completely upset by this unfortunate war, and it seems pretty clear, I think, that as long as there are men on the earth, ambitious men will arise, and as long as ambition exists, so long will nation rise against nation—sometimes for aggrandisement, sometimes for national honour! or various other reasons.

If then we wish England to have a voice in averting the horrors of war, we must be prepared to carry out by force what we would but too willingly bring about, by appeals to humanity and sense; and to do this we must have an army and navy ever ready to be produced quickly and of such a size as will enable us to cope with the formidable armaments of our neighbours. Thus far I have merely remarked on our state of defence at home. Our Government out here may also learn a lesson from the perfect arrangements of the Prussians. We certainly have not a European power as yet to cope with India; but that is no reason why we should not avail ourselves of those means which the high perfection to which materials of war in our possession have arrived has placed within our reach. If our enemies fight with sticks, why should we throw away our fire-arms and use clubs. Though we know that our men and their discipline enable us to cope with three times their numbers, why should we throw away the advantage we should have when engaging with equal numbers? In our campaigns fought in India we have always gone on this principle, but we hope now that Government will see the immense advantage gained by at once bringing huge masses of troops into the field, and not only bringing them, but being able to bring them at once! How Eastern foes would be surprised and how utterly annihilated they would be if, on war being declared, they were in a month to see a large army advancing on them and they unprepared, and how unable they would be to cope with our Sniders and Armstrongs, &c.

The expenses at first would be greater but in the end less, not to speak of the effect produced by signal defeat and punishment following quickly on the steps of rebellion or presumption.

I hope then that when next we, in India, are compelled to have recourse to arms, we shall see a force completely equipped and organised, and sufficiently overpowering in numbers, to carry out completely and quickly the work on which they are sent. For this, many alterations are necessary in our present system, and it is to be hoped that such may be carried out and brought into working order before they are required, and that we shall not always be experimenting with our new systems on active service.—Yours, &c.

BOMBAY.

DUSSERAH HOLIDAY.—To-day being the Dussorah holiday, all the public offices will be closed.

POOR-BOX.—The Chief Magistrate acknowledges with thanks Rs. 3-8-0 from Mr. A. T. Bravie, contributed to the Fort Police Court poor-box.

LICENTIATES OF MEDICINE.—Of the twelve candidates who presented themselves for the L. M. examination, the following have passed their examinations successfully:—Messrs. Tomoojee Bhickajee Nuriman, Hormusjee Dadabhoy Mussaney, Mahadew Yeshwunt Pranseb, and Trimbuck Succaram Shrivulkur. All the candidates were from the Grant Medical College.

PROGRAMME OF MUSIC to be played by the Band of the 22nd Regiment N. I. on the Esplanade this evening.

March.

Overture	Military	Embury.
Valse	Soldaten Lieder	Gung'l.
Selection	Tancredi	Rossini.
Lancers	Echoes of London	Corte.
Galop	Wildbad Eisenbahn	Kuhner.

THE S. S. BUSHIRE, Captain J. C. Sharp, sailed yesterday for the Persian Gulf via Kurrachee with a general cargo and the following passengers:—

For Kurrachee—Mr. J. Scroggie, Captain C. E. Fisher, Mr. and Mrs. E. Foster, Conductor and Mrs. E. Gawthorn and four children, and Master and Miss Godfrey.

For Muscat—Mr. W. H. Arnold and twenty-four deck passengers.

INQUEST.—A Coroner's jury was empannelled yesterday at Funnuswady on the body of Gharno Narayen, a student. Deceased boarded with a fellow casteman and occupied a room in a house in Funnuswady. For the last few days he had been suffering from fever and became delirious. On Sunday evening a splash was heard in the water of a well near the house. Two persons dived in and took him out. He died in about fifteen minutes afterwards. The jury found that the boy had died from the effects of throwing himself into a well whilst delirious from fever.

MUNICIPAL CASES.—Hyderally Cassumjee, a Borah, was yesterday charged at the instance of the Municipality, before Mr. Showell, with not complying, after conviction, with a requisition contained in a notice, dated 1st September 1870, from the Municipal Commissioner, to cleanse and put in a proper state the compound and drain, of which he was the owner, they being in a filthy and unwholesome state. Defendant was adjudged guilty and fined Rs. 85, and was to be further fined five rupees a day till the offence ceased.—A Parsee named Kerbadjee Hormusjee was fined Rs. 25 for a similar offence.

CRIMINAL TRESPASS AND INSULT.—Yesterday at the Girgaum Police Court, Mr. James Wilson laid the following information:—"I was lately in the service of the Church Missionary Society. On Friday last, between 8 and 9 o'clock in the morning, one Ismael, a rent collector of the house at Byculla, a portion of which is sublet to me by Mr. Spiers, rushed into a veranda attached to my rooms. He first prevented certain furniture from being removed from my rooms. On my remonstrating with him, he assumed a threatening attitude and made use of obscene language and obscene gestures. He ordered his mallees to use harsh measures if my servants removed the furniture. I never used to pay the said Ismael any rent, nor do I owe him any. I never had any transactions whatever with him. In fact I never knew him before. I charge him with criminal trespass and intentional insult with intent to provoke a breach of the peace, and I pray that he may be summoned and dealt with according to law." The Magistrate ordered a summons as prayed for.

MR. GHELABHAI MANEKLAL LAIWALA, B.A., is appointed Sanscrit Teacher in the Rajcote High School on a salary of Rs. 100 per mensem. We hear that after a short time he will get Rs. 100 more as Sanscrit Teacher in the King's College, shortly to be opened there. It is very gratifying to see Banias making such progress in the attainment of the Sanscrit language of the Hindoos which the Bramins think themselves alone and none else entitled to study.—*Guzerat Mitra.*

THE HOUSE OF CORRECTION.

ON Saturday the number of prisoners in the House of Correction was 229;—84 of whom were under sentences from the High Court, 4 from the Court of Petty Sessions, 108 from the Police Magistrates, 31 from Military Courts Martial, and 2 from Naval Courts Martial. 95 were Europeans and the remainder 134 were natives.

ARREST OF BHARMUL PURBHUT.

ON Saturday last a Hindoo merchant named Mooljee Hunsraj obtained a warrant against Bharmul Purbhut, a well known Bhattia merchant, on a charge of having abetted Jethabhoy and Vulloo in giving false evidence in a judicial proceeding, and also with having fabricated false evidence to be used in a judicial proceeding as genuine evidence. Mr. Bharmul was arrested by the police, and in the course of the day was placed before the Chief Magistrate, who postponed the case, and admitted the prisoner to bail in his own recognizance in Rs. 10,000 and two sureties in Rs. 5,000 each.

RAINFALL AT MAZAGON, 1870.

From the 25th September to 1st October.

		Inch.	Cents.
Sept.	25th Sunday	0	31
	26th Monday	0	4
	27th Tuesday	0	9
	28th Wednesday	0	0
	29th Thursday	0	0
	30th Friday	0	0
Oct.	1st Saturday	0	0
	For the week	0	44
	Previously registered	64	46
	Total fall	64	90

STEAMER REPORTS.

GALLE, 2nd Oct., 8-29 P.M.—China mail steamer signalled.

GALLE, 3rd Oct., 5-50 A.M.—Mail steamer from Calcutta signalled.

GALLE, 3rd Oct., 12 P.M.—English mail steamer signalled.

TELEGRAPH LINE REPORTS.

KURRACHEE, 3rd Oct., 8 P.M.—Latest dates from United Kingdom via Russia, 3rd Oct., 8-40 A.M.; via Turkey, 1st Oct., 2-56 P.M. From Continent of Europe, via Russia, 2nd Oct., 4-30 P.M.; via Turkey, 2nd Oct., 4-40 P.M.; America via Russia, 1st Oct., 7-55 P.M. Cable right; Turkish line right to Pera; lines beyond clear; Persian line right to London.

CHARGE AGAINST TWO BAILIFFS.

IT will be remembered that about a fortnight ago Mr. Moroba Canoba complained to the First Judge of the Small Cause Court, about the misbehaviour of two of the bailiffs of the Court, Dadabhoy Pestonjee and Dinanath Soondercjee, who entered the house of one Soondercjee Mooljee and assaulted him and his wife, and destroyed certain of his property. Mr. Moroba applied under the Small Cause Court Act to make enquiry into this matter. He was in reply informed that an enquiry would be made. Yesterday Mr. Moroba appeared on behalf of Soondercjee before Mr. Nana Morojee and obtained summonses against the above-named bailiffs, charging them with trespass, framing incorrect document, record or report, and giving false evidence in a judicial proceeding, &c.

POLICE CASES.

BREACH OF A LICENSE.—Zilloo Govind, a shop-keeper, was yesterday fined by Mr. Showell Rs. 10, for committing a breach of the 11th clause of his toddy license, by keeping his shop open at 7 o'clock on Sunday evening.

LIQUOR LICENSE.—Yesterday at the Girgaum Police Court, Essoo Withoo was charged with keeping a house for the sale or consumption of liquor without a license from the Commissioner of Police. He pleaded guilty and was fined ten rupees.

THEFT OF MEDICINE.—Yesterday before Mr. Showell, Gunnoo Balloo, a servant in the employ of Dr. Framjee Shapoorjee, was charged with stealing thirty-one bottles of quinine, of the value of Rs. 49, the property of his master. Prisoner was convicted and sentenced to receive fifteen stripes.

DESERTION.—At the Fort Police Court on Saturday, before Mr. Connon, R. Bailey, a seaman of the ship Norah Graham, was charged with having deserted his ship. The Magistrate sentenced him to a month's rigorous imprisonment and to forfeit any wages now due.

THE SHIP RESCUE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

SIR,—I observe in Messrs. Blay and Mackintosh's Circular that they remark that "the Rescue, 1,167 tons, American built, 1860, was taken up on speculation for the voyage to Calcutta and back." This is not true. My charterers are Messrs. Cummoo Zacoob Sons and Co., who I believe have also chartered the Anglia. Why they have taken the trouble to mention that my ship is American built, I leave the public to judge.—I am, &c., GEO. MESSERVY.

Master ship Rescue.

Bombay, 1st October.

[WE believe Messrs. Blay and Mackintosh in their Circular always give the classification of vessels when they are chartered. A reference to the list published by the Bureau Veritas for 1870 we find the Rescue was built at Newburyport, United States, in 1860, and is therefore "American built, 1860," as stated in their Circular. We really cannot see what Captain Messervy has to complain of so far as that is concerned.]

THE GRANT ROAD STATION.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

SIR,—In common with other travellers by the B. B. and C. I. Railway from the Grant Road Station, I have to thank you not only for giving insertion to the letter signed "Pro Bono Publico," but for its effect on the Railway officials, who have not only set to work in right good earnest to repair the road and approaches complained of, and which we hope to find in working order in a fortnight, probably, if the coolies and rollers are kept at it; but have also arranged for the door leading to the platform at the end of the passage from Frere Bridge being twice left open during the week. We are thankful for all small favours, and if we mention that the washing of the platform and enclosed ways is generally commenced about the time that trains are expected to stop, we do it, not in a captious or fault-finding spirit, but on the contrary from a high sense of our obligation to all the gentlemen connected with the management of this splendid and accommodating line of railway.

There is a matter about which I wish to have a quiet grumble—no, not a grumble exactly. I only want to point that the new saloon carriage placed upon this line in which natives travel as well as Europeans, is totally unsuited. The Engineer must set himself about inventing a system of covered drainage or these carriages will never answer. Surface drainage was all correct in its way when we were under the thraldom of the Mhar caste and the Bunghy community. Now, we live under guaranteed dividends and we look for something better than surface pools for our money.—Yours obediently,

WARFIELD.

A SHARE CASE.

IN the Small Cause Court on Thursday last another share case was disposed of by Judge O'Leary. Etchachund Jugjeevundas, a share broker, sued Sorabjee Byramjee Colah, also a share broker, to recover Rs. 650-8, being the damages sustained by plaintiff in consequence of defendant's neglect and failure to accept delivery of two shares of the Mazagon Land and Reclamation Company, Limited, which he agreed to purchase on 29th November 1869, at Rs. 1,320 and at Rs. 1,327-8 respectively, and which were sold by public auction on his account. Mr. Hormusjee Dadabhoy, pleader, appeared for plaintiff; Mr. Skipsey (of Messrs. Macfarlane and Skipsey,) for defendant.

Mr. Hormusjee, in opening the case, said that this had been a *bona fide* transaction, and that the shares which the plaintiff sold had been his and been registered in his name in the company's books.

Mr. Skipsey for the defence contended that it was a wagering contract. The onus being on the defendant, he was first called.

Sorabjee Byramjee Colah said—I remember making this contract on the 29th November 1869. I bought the shares on 15th December, a time-bargain transaction, at Rs. 1,320 and at Rs. 1,327-8-0. No numbers of shares were given to me, and no shares were shown to me. I never expected to receive those shares. I would not have made the contract if I were to have had to pay the full amount. I think the plaintiff knew this as well as I. On the 15th December, the shares had fallen very much, down to about Rs. 1,000. Plaintiff did not offer me the shares on the 15th December. He did not ask me to pay for them or to pay the difference. There was so much confusion in the market that no business was done. I offered plaintiff to settle with him at a rate which had been settled by a committee of brokers. He refused. He never sent me notice about the shares, or request me to take delivery, or notice that he was going to sell at my risk.

Cross-examined—I cannot say if the plaintiff was a party to the appointment of the brokers' committee. I am a share broker. I do not act as a broker for time-bargains, but for cash. I have not acted as broker for a bank for two or four years. I used to act for local banks in the purchase and sale of shares. This contract was made in the broker's hall. I have no witness to call who was present. There were many there and there was confusion. I cannot say that the plaintiff had no shares. I have been acting as a broker for at least twenty years. I was a registered owner of shares in many companies. I have not been so for about five years. All that passed between me and plaintiff was, plaintiff said he wanted to sell me two shares for the 15th December. I said I would buy These were the only terms of the contract. If shares are sold for cash to be delivered at once, the transaction is *bona fide*; if for future delivery it is a pure *sutta*.

Re-examined—Time-bargains always commenced from the 15th of every month to be settled for on the 15th of next month. I have made a great many time-bargains. They were all entered into in the same way as this, and were perfectly well understood.

Choonilal Motilal said—I am a broker. I have made many time-bargains, *suttas*. If one has made any, he may sell the shares in the bazaar, or he may buy from one person and sell to another with one month's time to complete bargain when the time arrives. I have my own shares. I give my application (transfer paper,) or if they have been bought, I take one from the vendor. We call that a time-bargain. The price for which they are sold is to be paid in full. If shares are bought to-day and money is paid to-morrow, that is a cash transaction. I have been a broker twenty-seven years. I remember selling Colaba shares on the 29th November last. In November transactions I settled with the parties ten days before the time on receiving the full price. I did not give the shares. I purchased the shares from the party to whom I had sold them. I got about Rs. 700.

Ramchunder Govind said—I am a clerk in the Mazagon Land Company. I produce the books of the company. There are five shares standing in plaintiff's name; there are four standing in his name now; and there were three on the 29th November 1869. They still appear in his name. One was transferred out of his name in February 1870.

The defendant's case closed here. The Judge considered that there was no evidence of a wagering contract, and therefore gave a verdict for the plaintiff for Rs. 650-8. Plaintiff's advocate's costs, Rs. 34, certified.

BOMBAY INSOLVENCY COURT.—3RD OCT.

(Before the Hon'ble MR. JUSTICE GIBBS.)

RE GOPINATH SUDASHEW.

THIS insolvent was a writer, with liabilities amounting to Rs. 15,853. He applied for leave to withdraw his petition. Leave was granted except as to one creditor.

RE CODABUX MERWANJEE BRANEE.

This insolvent was a merchant, with Rs. 35,411 of liabilities and Rs. 7,787 of assets, good. He applied for a final discharge, which was granted.

RE MANUEL ANTONIO DE SOUZA.

This insolvent was a merchant, with Rs. 38,801 of liabilities and Rs. 10,121 of good assets. He applied for leave to withdraw his petition, which was granted.

RE GOCULDASS LILLADHUR.

This insolvent was a merchant, with liabilities to the amount of Rs. 17,470,058 and assets, Rs. 1,46,930 good, Rs. 2,770 and Rs. 600 doubtful. A rule *nisi* was granted.

RE VUSSONJEE MORARJEE.

This insolvent, a merchant, had liabilities amounting to Rs. 8,84,384 and assets Rs. 1,23,100 bad and Rs. 323 bad. He was allowed one month's time.

RE KESSOWJEE LALLJEE ALIAS KESSOWJEE DEWCHUND.

This insolvent, a merchant, had Rs. 2,48,258 of liabilities and Rs. 35,517 good, and Rs. 49,102 bad assets. His property had yielded Rs. 2,260.

Mr. Macpherson appeared for the insolvent; and Messrs. Cursetjee Manockjee and Budroodin Tyabjee for opposing creditors.

The Commissioner to-day gave judgment in this case which had been before the Court for some time. The insolvent, his Lordship said, appeared to have carried on an extensive business at Mandvie, Calicut, and other places. He was opposed on the ground of concealment of books, false entries, reckless trading, concealment of property, breach of trust, and undue preference of certain creditors. The evidence of the opposing creditors as to the books did not go very far, for he (the Commissioner) had gone carefully through the evidence, and the only suspicious circumstance was that one of the items appeared to have been washed out and re-entered, but the insolvent said that had not been done by him and might have been a mistake on the part of his metha. If it had been made out that the insolvent had tampered with the books in order to cheat his creditors he should have adjourned the case for more minute enquiry, but on many of the particulars in the long list of objections no evidence at all had been given, and on those with regard to which evidence had been given nothing had been proved against the insolvent. Under these circumstances his Lordship granted a discharge.

RE AMBAIDASS TRICUMDASS.

This insolvent was a merchant. His liabilities were Rs. 352,300 and his assets, bad, Rs. 412,000. No opposition was offered, and he was discharged.

RE VENAYEK TRIMBUK.

This insolvent was a writer, with liabilities amounting to Rs. 844,546 and assets, bad, to Rs. 660,641. There was no opposition. He was ordered to amend his schedule, after which his discharge would be granted.

RE BHAWJEE MADHOWJEE.

Insolvent was a merchant. His liabilities were Rs. 118,008, good assets Rs. 18 and bad Rs. 18,268.

Mr. Branson appeared in this case on behalf of Messrs. Alsen, Riebe, and Co., creditors, who opposed on the ground that insolvent had shipped, through them, warehouse sweepings, for Fair Dhollera, which, even, were deficient in quantity.

The case had come on a previous day when Mr. Kuhn, manager of Messrs. Alsen, Riebe, and Co., was examined.

The insolvent was called to-day, when

The Commissioner said he had gone to the office of the German firm and told them he wished to ship Fair Dhollera cotton to England, and in the belief that the cotton was good and not waste they advanced money on it. The cotton now turned out to be warehouse sweepings and not to be of the weight he had represented. His Lordship then asked if insolvent had any explanation to offer as to where he bought the cotton and the prices he paid.

The insolvent produced some of his books showing his transactions in cotton in April last—the time at which the consignments were made,—and he said the only explanation he could give was that surely there must have been some mistake in England, for he had had dealings with Messrs. Finlay, Scott, and Co., and other firms, and no mistake had ever occurred with the consignments through them.

The Commissioner remarked that the consignment should have weighed 76,800 lbs., but when it was weighed in England it was found to be 11,100 short.

Insolvent—I got the cotton pressed.

The Commissioner—I can't believe that a man who dealt in cotton as you did would have shipped these bales through this house without knowing what he was short.

Insolvent—I have shipped similar cotton through other houses, and they have given me credit for the value, and I am surprised to find a deficiency in the weight of this consignment. I asked the metha to get the bales weighed, and I thought it was right.

The Commissioner in giving judgment, said, the insolvent in this case who was a dealer in cotton, and in all probability, to a large extent, sought to relieve himself from debts amounting to Rs. 1,18,000. The only opposing creditor was the German house of Messrs. Alsen, Riebe, and Co. The ground of their opposition was that the insolvent made though them three shipments of cotton to England, amounting to 196 bales, and that they had learned from advices received from England with respect to these bales, that twelve of them which had been shipped as New Dhollera, were only warehouse sweepings, and instead of being worth 8d. or 8½d. per pound, were disposed of with difficulty for 3½d. per pound, and, further, that the weight of each consignment was very much under what it ought to have been. The total weight of the three consignments should have been 76,800 lbs., whereas there was a deficiency of 1,100 lbs., or nearly one-seventh of the whole. Now, the insolvent on being called upon to explain this, said he had purchased the cotton, and showed from his books a long string of purchases. He said he had shipped this cotton through different houses for England, but that up to the present time, the opposing creditors were the only party who had found any fault with it. He said his muccadum had the bales pressed, but that did not satisfy him (the Commissioner) that the insolvent was not cognizant of the fraud that was being practised, because the deficiency was so very enormous that he must have known it. The case was a most unsatisfactory one. At the same time, he thought, there must have been some carelessness on the part of the opposing creditors' firm or their muccadum in not, on seeing the bales shipped, ascertaining that they were of proper weight and in proper condition. Be that as it might, he noticed one various fact in the schedule, namely, that there was not a single judgment creditor. He thought, therefore, the best thing he could do under the circumstances was to adjourn the case for nine months without protection. It would be no more satisfactory to bring the insolvent under the 51st section of the Act, because it would then place him in no better position than now. All creditors will be at liberty to sue him if they choose; but had there been judgment creditors it would have been a different thing.

The case was accordingly adjourned for nine months; without protection.

"LONDON SOCIETY" has passed out of the hands of Mr. James Hogg into those of Mr. Richard Bentley, the publisher of *Temple Bar*. Mr. Henry Blackburn, the author of Illustrated books on Spain and Normandy, will be the new editor of the former magazine.

THE Birmingham Musical Festival was one of the most successful ever held. From a statement of the financial results laid before a meeting of the general committee on Sept. 3 it appears that the total receipts were £14,130 19s. 3d., a sum greater by £130 than that drawn on any previous occasion. The total number of persons who attended the festival was 13,070.

SUMMARY FLOGGING IN THE NAVY.

(*United Service Gazette*, Sept. 3.)

WE have before us the detailed report of a very remarkable court-martial which has lately taken place at Bombay, brought about by an occurrence as extraordinary as it is to be regretted. The prisoner was Commander W. H. Goold, of H.M.S. Forte, flagship of Sir Leopold G. Heath, K.C.B.; and the charge on which that officer was tried was for "causing Thomas O'Connor, an able seaman belonging to the Forte, to be punished with forty-eight lashes for 'mutinous and highly insubordinate conduct, in refusing to carry out the punishment awarded him, the same Thomas O'Connor having been at the time in the first-class for conduct, and the said forty-eight lashes having been inflicted within twelve hours of the completion of the punishment warrant.'" The whole trial, occupying sixteen columns of the *Times of India* (supplement, August 2), is too voluminous for our columns. We will, therefore, do our best to write a condensed and impartial history of the case for the benefit of our readers, advising them, at the same time, to procure the report of the *Times of India* and read it *in extenso*, as the trial contains many points of very considerable interest.

Commander W. H. Goold is an officer of twenty-four years' service in all, which would bring his age to about 36 or 37. All that we have heard of him, either from public or private sources, is in the highest degree favourable. He possesses "an extra first-class certificate in seamanship, first-class in gunnery, and was head of a large batch passing out of college. His name was also brought forward for a commission from the college, but one had already been given in that quarter, and Admiral Sir Thomas Cochrane said that there would be no other that quarter." Sir Leopold Heath, in reporting the case to the Admiralty, spoke most highly of Commander Goold, but not one whit more highly than he deserved. Under these circumstances, it is all the more to be regretted that he had had no opportunity of earning himself one more distinction by obtaining a "double-first" in the most important science of discipline,—a science of the very utmost importance to the navy, and yet perhaps the only one which is not systematically taught at the college. His error seems to have been the not uncommon one of mistaking coercion, the fruitful *parent* of insubordination and mutiny, for that discipline which consists in enlisting the will as well as the body in the service.

When Commodore Alexander left the ship, and was succeeded by the present commodore, he left behind him a highly honourable testimony to the zeal and efficiency of Commander Goold; but certainly not a higher one than that given by the present commodore, who was constrained to act as prosecutor on this much-to-be-regretted occasion. Sir Leopold had not long been in command of the ship, before he saw occasion to remark that the minor punishments inflicted were too severe. This became known to the men, and it became a not uncommon practice for men to appeal to the commodore from the sentence of the commander. In some cases the sentences were mitigated, in others confirmed, and in one case only made more severe. Now, if we here turn our attention to what Commander Goold says of himself, we may very well be able to see that this was a source of very great irritation to him. "Different officers," he says, "have different ways of *enforcing* discipline, and of *making* those under them perform their duties." (This very sentence, by the way, is a clear statement of Commander Goold's notions of discipline.) "Some lean more to firmness and strict measures, others more to leniency, but I think all are more or less guided by the examples they have had from the officers under whom they have previously served. It was my lot, in my early naval career, to have been brought up under very strict officers, men who looked upon the immediate obedience to an order from a superior, especially when that superior was the commanding officer of the ship, to be most essential to the maintenance of discipline. I have imbibed those views, and have invariably, bearing mind the regulations of the navy, carried them out, as in the case now under consideration, solely for the well-being and discipline of the service."

Of this final assertion we have not a shadow of a doubt,—neither do we believe that there is a man or officer in the service who will gainsay the proposition laid down by the commander as to the absolute necessity of immediate and implicit obedience to the command of a superior. The only question is, which is the best method of bringing this most desirable end about? There exist two schools of disciplinarians, one,—the old school, which relies on coercion, with whom, to use a proverbial expression, "it is a word and a blow,"—the fruits of which system were exemplified in the bounty (Bligh made mutiny wherever he went), at Spithead, and at the Nore; and the other, the modern system, which seeks, as we have said, to enlist the will as well as the body. Of these two schools Commander Goold was confessedly of the former,—Commodore Sir Leopold Heath as evidently of the latter. We are convinced that the object of both officers was identically the same, viz., the good of the service; but we confess to a belief that, out of all comparison, the commodore was the better disciplinarian of the two.

It may well be imagined that repeated appeals from his judgment to that of the commodore and that officer's leniency, could not but have its effect on an officer entertaining such ideas as Commander Goold. The commodore considered the discipline of the ship as perfectly satisfactory, and certainly his opinion is quite borne out by the evidence. Commander Goold, fretting over what he considered the lax discipline of his superior, thought just the contrary. Matters were thus ripe for an explosion of "authority," should Commander Goold ever find the supreme power in his own hands, when the very opportunity was offered which permitted that explosion to take place.

The commodore went for a fortnight's leave, or rather duty and leave combined, to a place called Elephant Krall in the interior of Ceylon, leaving the commander as his *locum tenens*, and in possession of the supreme power, and the following circumstance enabled him to use that power in accordance with his own notions of discipline. On April 8, at 7 p.m., Thomas O'Connor returned from duty in the second cutter, and was ordered to fall in on the quarter-deck with the rest of the boat's crew, to be searched to see if he had brought any liquor on board. It seems this was a ceremony only occasionally performed on board the ship, and O'Connor, taking it in dudgeon, asked whether they were to be fallen in for punishment. We cannot do better than give this part of the case in the words of the officer of the watch, Mr. Graham John Bower, sub-lieutenant:—

"Q.—Were you officer of the watch on the day when O'Connor was complained of as to his conduct with respect to being searched, the 8th of April, I believe? If so, state what occurred. A.—Yes, I was officer of the six to eight watch. On the cutter coming alongside, and after she had been hoisted up and the boat's crew searched, Mr. Hicks, the midshipman of the watch, told me that the corporal had brought a man aft in consequence of a dispute that had occurred at the gangway whilst the boat's crew were being searched. On inquiring of the corporal whether he had any complaint to make, he said 'No.' I then asked him three times whether he considered O'Connor's manner to be insubordinate? He said 'No.' I then inquired of O'Connor what he had to say. He told me that he had asked to see the commander, as he thought the corporal had no authority to search him. He then made a charge against the corporal, stating that the corporal had caught him by the collar and dragged him out of the gangway. This the corporal denied, and O'Connor had no evidence to support it. I therefore told him that he had failed to substantiate his charge. He asked to see the commander, intending to make this charge. I therefore ordered him to be brought before the commander.

"The Commodore—In the defaulters' book the entry on this occasion of the offence of Thomas O'Connor is recorded 'impeding the police in his duty.' And the punishment awarded is ten days, that is the maximum allowed of No. XII. punishment; that entry is initialled by the commander; am I to understand you to say that in the opinion of the policeman himself, that is, the ship's corporal at the gangway, Thomas O'Connor did not impede him? Witness—On inquiring of the corporal whether he had any complaint to make, as he made no complaint I assumed that he was not impeded.

"The Commodore—Then, as officer of the watch, did you dismiss that complaint? Witness—I did."

The man was subsequently brought before the commander who ordered him the highest amount of punishment in the Black List for "impeding the police in their duty,"—a charge which had actually never been made against him. From this we may understand how it came to pass that Sir Leopold thought the minor punishments over-severe. Thomas O'Connor refused to perform his punishment (scrubbing brass and other extra work) until he had seen the commodore. There can be no doubt that the man, though innocent, ought to have performed his punishment, and have waited for redress until it was too late,—there can be less doubt still that such a sentence ought never to have been passed. It was an exemplification of the usual cause and effect,—injustice and coercion on the one hand, and insubordination on the other. Here the commander began to show that "want of temper and judgment" which the commodore ascribes to him,—though, at the same time, evidently doing his best to restrain himself and keep within the letter of the law. He ordered three officers to inquire into the matter, who reported that O'Connor still persisted in declining to perform his punishment until he had seen the commodore. This was too much for the commander's patience. He immediately consulted the Articles of War, regulations, and other authorities, and contrived to persuade himself, in the teeth of the most positive evidence to the contrary, that he had the power summarily to inflict corporal punishment on Thomas O'Connor. Now the summary infliction of this punishment on a man who is of the first class for conduct is most peremptorily forbidden, except in cases of open mutiny. Here there was not an approach to mutiny. The man's manner is described by all witnesses as being "respectful and quiet." There was not the remotest shadow of justification for the assumption of a right to punish him corporally,—yet Commander Goold did not hesitate to order a warrant to be drawn out, and, letting his temper get the better of his judgment, without waiting for the prescribed twelve hours to elapse, to inflict the highest degree of corporal punishment, viz., forty-eight lashes, on a man over whom, as regards corporal punishment, he had no more right than he had over the Prime Minister or the Archbishop of Canterbury.

Comment on such a matter is altogether superfluous. We, therefore, refrain from it. We cannot, however, refrain from expressing our regret that an officer of such merit as Commander Goold should have been led by his erroneous ideas of discipline and his overweening notion of his own authority to be guilty of a breach of discipline, the gravity of which can hardly be exaggerated. We can only wish (but do not hope) that, after this affair, the Admiralty, following the example of the sister service, will see the necessity of altogether abolishing the summary use of the cat, and so of removing out of the reach of a certain class of disciplinarians a temptation which seems so difficult to resist.

LUNATICS IN CHARGE OF THE POLICE.

REPORT FROM DR. T. G. HEWLETT, CORONER OF BOMBAY, TO THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT, (DATED 22ND AUG. 1870).

I HAVE the honor to report to you, for the information of the Right Honorable his Excellency the Governor in Council, that on the 26th July I commenced an enquiry with my jury on view of the body of, and by adjournment on the 29th July and on the 3rd, 8th, and 9th August, continued the investigation into the circumstances connected with the cause of death of a Portuguese man whose name is unknown.

2. It appeared from the evidence that the deceased, who was a feeble and emaciated old man, was found on the morning of the 23rd July, standing in the gully of a house in No. 6, Camateepoora street, where he was preventing the inhabitants of the house from entering the privy as he had caught hold of the chain of the door and refused to allow any one to pass. The house owner, Balloo Ellapa, came and removed him into the street. The man appeared to be insane, and would not speak when spoken to, but kept muttering to himself. He was entirely naked, with the exception of a 'lungootee.' Shortly afterwards he again entered Balloo Ellapa's house, walked upstairs and caught hold of the chain of a door on the first floor. He would not leave the house when requested to do so, and consequently Balloo Ellapa called a sepoy, who, with assistance, removed the man from upstairs and brought him into the street. A certain amount of violence was necessarily used, but not more than was absolutely required to remove the man. No one beat him or pushed him. The sepoy placed the deceased before his European superior, Mr. Constable Mahon, who, thinking that he was insane, ordered him to be taken to the Jamsetjee Jeejeebhoy Hospital. Mr. Mahon noticed that at this time on various parts of the deceased's person there were several bruises which had not apparently been recently inflicted. The deceased was then taken to the Jamsetjee Jeejeebhoy Hospital where he was seen by Mr. Anderson the House Surgeon, who, hearing that he was insane, told the sepoy to take him to the Police Surgeon, as insane patients are not admitted into the Jamsetjee Jeejeebhoy Hospital. He was accordingly taken to the Police Hospital at Mazagon, but as the usual letter from the Police Commissioner had not been obtained, the sepoy was directed to place him before Mr. Edgington, in order that the necessary document might be furnished.

3. Mr. Edgington saw him about 11 o'clock on the same day, and as it has been the custom only to send ordinary insane patients to the Police Surgeon for examination before 8 a.m., the deceased was ordered to be taken to the Oomburkharee Chokee for detention until such time as he could be placed before Dr. Sidney Smith.

4. The bruises before alluded to attracted the attention of Mr. Edgington and others, but the deceased would not speak or give any coherent reply to anything that was said to him.

5. He was placed in the chokee at about 1 P.M. on the 23rd, and was locked up with other prisoners. The next positive fact that appears in evidence, is that on Sunday night the 24th instant, at about 10 p.m., a prisoner who was locked up with the deceased observed that the deceased was making a strange noise in his throat, and therefore called the police who took him to the Jamsetjee Jeejeebhoy Hospital, where he was found to be in a state of shock, and where on examination it was discovered that several of his ribs had been fractured. The man, though partially sensible, could give no account of himself, and gradually grew worse, and died on the afternoon of the 26th, forty hours after admission.

6. At the *post mortem* examination Dr. Gray discovered that five of the ribs on the right side had been fractured, and that there were various bruises on the body, and was of opinion that such fractures were the result of direct violence whether from a blow or a fall, or from the deceased having been trodden upon.

7. Dr. Gray also found that the ribs of the deceased were unnaturally fragile, as by placing his hand over the sound side of the deceased's chest and exerting moderate pressure he caused fracture of two ribs.

8. Such being the leading facts in the circumstances regarding the man's death, it became a matter of extreme importance to determine, if possible, the exact time when, what is termed shock, would come on after the receipt of severe injuries, and as will be seen from the evidence of Dr. Gray, Dr. Sidney Smith, and Mr. Anderson, the medical testimony was (and indeed in my opinion justly so) extremely decided as to the probability of shock supervening very shortly after the receipt of such injuries. If this view is correct, it would appear that the deceased did not sustain fracture of the ribs at the time he was forcibly removed from the house in Camateepoora, and that such injuries must have been inflicted whilst he was confined in the chokee.

9. I have examined every prisoner who had been locked up in the same place with the deceased from the time of his admission at 1 P.M. of the 23rd, until 10-45 P.M. of the 24th, the time he was removed to the Jamsetjee Jeejeebhoy Hospital.

10. The prisoners one and all deny that the deceased was struck by any one, either by a policeman, or by any one of their own number. The prisoners state that from the time of his admission the deceased laid down on the wooden bench or platform which extends across the Lock-up and which is placed there for the accommodation of prisoners, and that he never rose from this except to eat the food that was brought to him by the sepoys, that they did not speak to him or take any notice of the noises that he made, as they thought he was insane and that he would not speak to them.

11. The policemen on day and night duty were also examined. They unite in saying that they observed nothing calculated to excite their alarm regarding the deceased, whom they saw at frequent intervals during each day, until their attention was called to his condition by a prisoner who, although under the influence of liquor, was not violent.

12. I must here remark that the European Inspector of Police, Mr. Burrett, who resides on the Oomberkharee Chokee, did not see the deceased from the time of his admission on the 23rd instant until his illness was reported to him at about 10.45 P.M. on the 24th, when the deceased was actually in the buggy being removed to the Jamsetjee Jeejeebhoy Hospital. According to Mr. Edgington's evidence Mr. Burrett failed in his duty in not having visited the Lock-up on each occasion of his coming into and leaving the Chokee both on Saturday and Sunday.

13. After hearing all the evidence that was procurable (and 25 witnesses were examined) the jury returned the following verdict:—

"That the deceased died from the effects of shock, following fracture of five ribs, but the jury is of opinion that there is no evidence to say precisely how or by what means the deceased's ribs were fractured."

14. I would, however, respectfully desire to call the attention of Government particularly to the evidence of the Police Surgeon Dr. Sidney Smith and of the Deputy Commissioner of Police Mr. Edgington, with respect to the existing arrangements regarding insane people taken up by the police, and also regarding the insufficiency of accommodation, not only at the Police Hospital, but also of the various chokees throughout the town.

15. At present if an insane person is found wandering about the town, he is for his own safety, as well as for the protection of others, arrested by the police, and should be taken direct to the Commissioner or Deputy Commissioner of Police, who would order a letter stating the circumstances to be written and sent with the patient to the Police Hospital for examination by the Police Surgeon.

16. The following extract from Mr. Edgington's evidence shews that "it has been the practice for many years to send lunatics in all ordinary cases to the Police Surgeon for examination to the Police Hospital in the morning only, at the time when the Police Surgeon makes his daily visit, but whenever a case seems to demand it, lunatics are sent at once to the Police Surgeon for

INDIAN ITEMS.

The coal in Bellary found by Dr. Hunter promises, so we learn from a Madras contemporary, to turn out of first-rate quality. It is said to be very different in appearance to any other Indian coals, whether found in Chanda, Cochin, or Bengal. The mineral is gaseous, and would appear to be abundant in quantity, as, on his first examination, Dr. Hunter found it in two different localities. The railway runs close to the spots, greatly enhancing thereby the intrinsic value of the discovery, whatever that may prove to be.

The Governor General's Elephant.—The elephants for the viceregal camp are at Meerut, and shortly will be started off for Jeypore. It is stated that the one intended for Lord Mayo is a very large, noble looking beast, but terribly scarred from some burns received during the siege of Delhi. However, the blemishes do not show when he is fully caparisoned. Unfortunately also his tusks have become diseased, and have been sawn off; imitation tusks of wood are screwed on for State parades, and almost defy detection.—*Calcutta Examiner.*

The Behar Mounted Volunteers thought they would look pretty if armed with lances instead of swords and carbines. The Governor-General in Council, "with every desire to meet their wishes," declines to gratify their vanity at the expense of their efficiency; and rather unkindly informs them that if ever they are called upon to act it will probably be as infantry, not as cavalry, volunteers being more useful for defence than for any other purpose. Why, then, we may query raise Volunteer Cavalry at all? But surely the Volunteer Cavalry in the mutiny did not merely yeoman's but dragoon's service.—*Pioneer.*

It is stated that the Brahmo Somaj is gaining followers. The seeds sowed by Baboo Protap Chunder, Mozoomdar have, it is said, fallen on rich ground, and societies are being formed, and houses dedicated to the new religion. On the 17th Sept. there was a meeting of the society of Theistic Friends in India, held in the Brahmo Somaj of India Mission House; the *Hindoo Reformer* says that over three hundred persons were present. Baboo Protap Chunder Mozoomdar read a lecture on the progress of Theism, stating that the advance was due to "its catholicity, its spirituality, and its social aptitude," and that the object of the society was to unite all Theists, to investigate religious truth, to aid education, advance social progress, and inculcate practical morality.—*Friend of India.*

The case of European seamen sent home as invalids by the Calcutta hospitals has long been deplorable. Unable to earn anything for themselves on the voyage, shipped at the cheapest possible rate, destitute of outfit, of medical comforts, of the money in hand, these wretched anatomies left India more by way, as it were, of changing their probable place of sepulture than in hope of recovery. An attempt was made to induce the Board of Trade to sanction a small outfit and a little stock of medical comforts for men requiring them—but in vain. The munificence of a Muhammadan nobleman has now enabled the authorities of the Medical College Hospital to do what an economical Government failed to do. Prince Ghulam Mahomed's charity will supply the great needs of our sick sailors. *Allah jitta rakhiyo!* May God preserve thee, Prince.—*Pioneer.*

Bhamo.—There is a rather sad feature in the last diary—the latest date August 7th—of the Assistant Political Agent at Bhamo. His messengers to Momein have been lost for nearly three months, and the general opinion is that they will not be found any more. He is more hopeful on his own part; illness or other causes may have detained them; but still the country is unsettled, the Burmese jealous of British interference, and the Panthays and Chinese not reported friendly to us, though they have patched up their own differences, and are trying to re-open their old trade. There is however a reasonable hope that the old trade routes in a western direction are also prized by the Panthays, and the Woon of Bhamo, who has long obstructed every reasonable attempt to negotiate or to trade, has been removed.—*Friend of India*, Sept. 29.

A strange and startling fact is given in the *Overland China Mail*, just arrived. It is only an obituary notice of a young lady, one Sister Aloysia, a Daughter of Charity in the Italian convent of Hong-Kong; but the strangeness, to us at all events, is that Sister Aloysia was the daughter of Sir John Bowring, one of the boldest of freethinkers, a leader of freethought in his youth, and the same in his old age. Yet here was his youngest daughter, beloved by everybody, our contemporary says, refined, educated in the tenets of her father's faith, finding refuge, even to the end, in a church the opposite of all to which her training had led, and dying at last in that faith. All the struggle of Sister Aloysia we suppose no one even in her own family can know; but it is a beautiful little picture, fragrant as newly coped hay, and reminding one that there is more in human sympathies than we ever can make to accord with our doctrinal rules—hard and fast as we often draw them. We should not like to think—would the reader?—that Sister Aloysia is not by this time gathered into the one family hearthstone that has been through all the ages and that will be when the ages are no more.—*Friend of India.*

BABOO KESHUB CHUNDER SEN.

A public meeting, convened by the East-end Temperance Association, was held in the Town Hall, Shoreditch, last night, to bid farewell to Mr. Chunder Sen, the Indian Reformer, who is about to return to his native country. The chair was occupied by Mr. John Robert Taylor, the President of the Association. In the course of addresses that were made by several of these gentlemen, regret was expressed that the distinguished visitor must necessarily take back to India a sad impression of the prevalence of drunkenness and its attendant miseries in England. An address was presented to the Baboo eulogising the purity of his life, and bidding him a fervent farewell. An album, containing portraits of distinguished members of the Temperance Society, accompanied the address. Baboo Keshub Chunder Sen, on rising to acknowledge the compliment, was greeted with loud and oft-repeated cheering. He said that since his arrival in this country he had always been taken by the hand by all temperance friends in the various cities of England and Scotland which he had visited. They looked upon him as their brother, and in their company he always felt quite at home. As an advocate of total abstinence, he had no sympathy with moderate drinking. He held that he must not be guilty of a weaker brother or sister's blood by the encouragement of his own example. Many of his fellow-countrymen were dying in India from the evil consequences of the liquor traffic, which the British Government in an evil hour introduced into that country. He recognised in this meeting part of the universal brotherhood of the temperance cause, and he trusted that they would all become so united as to spread the benefits which they sought to confer throughout the world. He had seen much in England of distress; he had seen the midnight gloom of poverty and sin, of wickedness and wretchedness, in this great city; but if he had seen the gloom of midnight, he had also seen the rays of the meridian—if he had seen the worst of men, he had seen the best of men. If he had seen the demon of intemperance making way in this country, he had seen the United Kingdom Alliance at St. James's Hall, he had seen the Temperance Festival in the Crystal Palace, he had seen with unfeigned pleasure the lovely and lively faces of those children who constitute the Band of Hope. He loved them all, and he loved this great country.—*Daily Telegraph*, Sept. 7.

VICTOR HUGO'S ENTRY INTO PARIS.

The *Rappel* gives the following description of M. Victor Hugo's entrance into Paris, after an absence of nineteen years:—At 9.30 the whistle of the engine was heard, the train was approaching. Then there was a struggle to know who would be the first to greet the illustrious exile, and so great was the excitement that he passed us by without our having seen him. We only became aware that he had done so by the acclamations in the court-yard. Thither we ran. Victor Hugo wanted to enter a *voiture*, but the people would not have it; they absolutely bore him away and made him address them from the windows of a café at one of the angles of the court. He said—"Words failed to express my feelings for the enthusiastic reception given me by the noble people of Paris. Citizens, I said, "The day on which the Republic will return I shall return." Here I am. (Cheers.) Two great feelings call me—first, the Republic; second, danger. (Hear, hear.) I have come here to do my duty. What is my duty? It is yours, it is all of ours. It is to defend Paris, to guard Paris. To save Paris is more than to save France, it is to save the world. Paris is the very centre of humanity. Paris is the sacred city. Who attacks Paris attacks the human race in the mass. (Cheers.) Paris is the capital of civilization, which is neither a kingdom nor an empire, but the human race in its past and in its future, and do you know why Paris is the capital of civilization? It is because Paris is the city of the Revolution. (Prolonged bravos.) That such a city, such a capital, such a focus of light, such a centre of heart, mind, and soul, such a brain of universal thought, should be violated, broken, taken by assault—by whom? by a savage invasion? It cannot be; it will not be—never, never, never. (Cries of No, no; never, never.) Citizens, Paris will triumph because it represents the human idea, and because it represents the popular instinct. The popular instinct is always in harmony with the ideal of civilization. Paris will triumph, but on one condition—if you and all here shall be one soul—if we be but one soldier and one citizen—one citizen to love Paris, one soldier to defend it. On this condition—one Republic and one people—Paris will triumph. As for myself, I thank you for your cheers, but I refer them to this deep anguish which stirs the hearts of all—the country in danger. I ask of you but one thing—union. By union you will conquer. Banish dissensions, check resentments, be united, you will be invincible. Let us all rally round the Republic in face of invasion and be brothers—we shall conquer. It is by fraternity that we save liberty. (Great cheering, and cries of "Vive Victor Hugo!" "Vive la Republique!")

THE SIEGE OF STRASBURG.

A NIGHT IN THE TRENCHES.

Koenigshof, Sept. 1.

The new batteries established since Monday evening in front of Königshof, Hohenheim, and Lingolsheim have effected a striking change in the appearance of the south-western section of Strasburg since I inspected that portion of the town and fortifications from the Maison Rouge some fourteen days since. We all know that new brooms sweep clean. I have never seen a more practical illustration of the proverb than that afforded by the aspect of the great southern hexagonal fort and bastions that form the chief defences of the city from the left Baden attack. All the tall houses filling up the wide interval of space between the glacis and the town have literally been swept away. No remnant of them a foot high can be perceived above the walls. The outer face of the fortifications themselves is scarred, gashed,* and punched with deep ragged holes, so as to present a grim and war-worn physiognomy, in place of the calm and neat though stern expression it exhibited a fortnight ago. The cathedral itself has received some very heavy knocks—two, especially, upon the lower shaft of the spire, one of which has made an ugly hole in the fretted stone-work ornamenting the southern edge of the gracefully up-springing spire; whilst the other has struck the shaft right in the centre, and left its mark there in the shape of a raw-looking dent four or five feet in circumference. Neither has the roof been left altogether scatheless, as some large round orifices testify, plainly perceptible at a distance of a mile and a half by the aid of a good field-glass. The trees in the long avenue or chaussée leading from Wendenheim straight to the gates of Strasburg have suffered much. All are damaged—that is to say, all within or in the immediate vicinity of the town, whilst many have been cut in two, or split to pieces. All this I saw with the greatest clearness from the tower of Eckbolsheim granary, a smart-looking wooden quadrangular look-out, commanding a good view of the Baden position, Fort Blanc, and the long ramparts of the fortress's south-western front. The flag of St. John waves over this tower, for the granary has been turned into a lazaretto; and in the tiny chamber at its summit, reached by a trap-door, I found good store of comic pictures—"Münchener Bilderbogen" pasted on cardboard for the amusement of convalescent soldiers, who are permitted to sit up aloft and gaze their fill at the grim bastions. The view is a pretty one, and full of vital, or rather deadly, interest; for it comprehends at least one-third of the city's defences, and a huge semi-circle of newly-established Baden and Prussian batteries, entrenched, as well as their infantry supports, and maintaining an almost incessant fire upon the city night and day. The puffs of white smoke, apparently rising from the bowels of the earth, like heralds of tiny volcanoes, spirt upwards some seven or eight times a minute, followed each time by a stunning report. These iron 24-pounders have a terrible voice, and the shriek of a percussion shell, as it tears its path through the air; twenty seconds later the episode of each discharge is completed by the crash of the huge missile as it strikes and explodes, sending a column of dust up into the sky, frequently followed by wreaths of smoke and tongues of vivid flame breaking out from some house suddenly set on fire. To the right of Eckbolsheim are the villages of Neuhof, Buckel, and Lingolsheim, all more or less sufferers by the French fire; right in front lies Königshof, the eastern division of which well-to-do little place has been shot and burnt to the ground; to the left, unlucky Schilligheim, a mere confused heap of smouldering ruins. Pushed out well forward, at least two hundred and fifty paces north of the town than any of these hamlets—all of which, Eckbolsheim included, are daily under fire—are the Prussian and Baden siege batteries, and the infantry covering them from night surprises. The foremost trenches are within four hundred yards of the walls, and the 24-pounders with which they are armed fire 56-pound conical shells point blank at the exterior works, whilst the mortar batteries keep up a rain of bombs on the northern and eastern defences, devoting about one-third of their missiles to the citadel, which, by all accounts, must be in a pitiable state by this time, for the Kehl batteries give it no rest from the east, whilst it is shelled from the west and north some thirty times an hour throughout the twenty-four. From this side of the Rhine alone, up to this morning at five o'clock, one hundred and fifty-seven guns of large calibre as well as mortars had been pounding away all night at the devoted city. Four more six-gun batteries will be opened to-night, at from one to four hundred yards point-blank range of the ramparts; and within a week the number of *bouches-à-feu* pouring forth their iron fury on the fortress will have risen to above three hundred. As I hinted to you in my last the temper of the Commanders before Strasburg has undergone an ominous change within the last few days, and they have resolved to press on the siege with the utmost possible rapidity and severity. Whilst grieving sincerely—and no one knows better than your Correspondent how sincerely!—over the terrible sufferings to which the unoffending inhabitants of the fine old town are inevitably subjected, Generals von Werder and La Roche have made up their minds, in view of the extraordinary achievements effected by the Royal armies in the north and west, that Strasburg must be taken and that soon. Their means of attack being really almost unlimited, I do not entertain the slightest doubt that, if the war be protracted another fortnight—a somewhat problematical contingency, as you will see by my letter to you from that excellent hotel, the Pariser Hof. I can hardly hope to convey to you any idea of the marvellous transformation that has come over this army since the 26th ult. Up to that time it resembled a swarm of splendid drones, buzzing round in a threatening, but really harmless, manner—that is, during the interval between the first vigorous demonstration, made with a view to terrify Uhrich into capitulation, and the adoption of the resolve to urge forward the operations with all possible energy. Now it reminds one forcibly of a similar congregation of earnest, active, busy young bees working at high pressure with a very complete idea of its appointed task—every worker knowing what he has to do, and doing it all the time to the utmost of his ability, and with all his heart. Nor was the interval above alluded to altogether wasted time: it was, indeed, utilised for the bringing up and accumulation of material and stores of all sorts sufficient to last the besieging force for more than a month. Shell, powder, forage, droves of cattle, tons of bread, hospital accessories, gabions, fascines, and countless minor matters, contributing to the comfort of the troops, have been gathered together during that week of comparative languor in the front, and disposed so as to be easily at hand, and available in any emergency; so that the army can now devote its whole energy to the prosecution of the attack, without troubling itself in the least about its supplies.

Having thus cursorily acquainted you with the general condition of things now obtaining in this division of the Allied Army, I think I cannot do better than give you a categorical account of my yesterday's expedition, from which I am just returned.

I left Lampertheim yesterday afternoon about one o'clock for head-quarters, which are still at Mundolsheim, where Count Bismarck-Bohlen arrived on Wednesday morning, by-the-bye. Between the two villages, which are not more than half a mile distant from one another I found several hundred men engaged in putting the finishing touches to a vast number of newly-constructed fascines, destined for the new batteries in course of construction. Passing through Mundolsheim, I met Prince William, engaged as usual in the kindly mission of visiting the wounded, and cheering up the spirits of his suffering countrymen. From his Highness I gathered that the siege works had been much advanced since my last visit to the front, and that "things were getting on admirably;" but that the daily loss in the trenches had considerably increased, as might of course be expected, the new batteries being in close proximity to the outer defences of the fortress. The night had been a very busy one, all the guns in position having been engaged with the enemy for nearly six hours; moreover, a number of rifle-pits had been manned by sharpshooters, armed with Waldbuchsen, who had effectually kept down the Frenchmen's attempts to repair the damage inflicted upon their works. There had also taken place one or two small-arm engagements, in which the Baden troops had completely silenced their assailants by a "donnerndes Schnellfeuer." The roar of the 24-pounders, in fact, had not ceased all through the night. I heard it distinctly at my quarters, which are some miles distant from the trenches. In the hope of witnessing some operations on a large scale, therefore, I resolved to make the best of my way to Wölfisheim, near which village a good friend of mine commands a company employed in important duty at the extreme front and, if possible, to find him out, solicit a night's adventure at his hands, and contemplate the action of the new attack from a point as near to the fortifications as it might be possible for a non-combatant to attain. When I reached Wölfisheim I found that my friend's quarters had been transferred to Eckbolsheim, a hamlet situated about a mile and a half from Fort Blanc, on a communal road leading into the Grande Chaussée that passes through Königshof to the Poste Nationale of Strasburg. It is a pretty little quiet nook of white, low-roofed cottages, surrounded by tiny orchards, and with vines trailing all over their doors and windows—bunches of ripe grapes hanging just outside the casements—so that you can pick your dessert after dinner by just opening the lattice and stretching your hand out. Two regiments of Baden Grenadiers are distributed over the villages forming the ground of which it may be said to be the advanced post; and Eckholsheim itself is held by the company under the command of my gallant friend Baron von B——n, whom I found comfortably ensconced in the cottage assigned to him and his three subalterns, a miniature dwelling only recently built by its owner, a "*gentle maistache*," with a pretty daughter, whom, as soon as the German army sat down before Strasbourg, he conveyed away to the delusive shelter of the city, leaving his bran-new abode to the tender mercies of the invaders. It was long before the keys could be extracted from the reluctant Maire, to whom the *ancien militaire en retraite* had confided them; at last, however, he gave them up, and B——n, upon inspection of the small demesne, marked it for his own. When I entered he was resting himself after a weary spell of twenty-four hours' duty in the trenches, during which he had not closed an eye nor dared once to stand upright, besides having enjoyed the privilege of being shot at incessantly. Every now and anon, he told me, the shell would skim the parapet of his trench, covering its occupants with mud and dirt, or strike and burst a few paces in front of them, scattering quantities of earth in all directions, of which they naturally had their share. No sooner had I made known my wishes than they were complied with in the fullest and most cordial manner. Stabling and forage were procured for my horses, straw and blankets for myself and my servant, and a comprehensive invitation to the mess pressed upon me with such hearty hospitality as I shall ever remember gratefully. As soon as all these preliminaries to the real business of the night had been settled, and a flying visit paid to the look-out in the granary tower, Von B——n handed me over to Lieutenant Dürer, who was just going to the front, requesting him to introduce me to the Lieut.-Col. commanding the outposts, who got me passed to the new 24-pounder battery, established a little to the left of Königshof, close to the railway connecting Strasburg with Wendenheim. Off we marched, along the broad and short *chaussée*, past Maison Rouge, and leaving the chartreuse to our right, half through deserted Königshof, until we came to the railway bridge, the roar of the batteries becoming more and more overpowering with every step we advanced, until at last we could hardly hear one another speak. Creeping down the embankment—the railway is built on a level much lower than that of the village—we crossed the line, and arrived at a place of shelter, under the high walls of an enormous brewery, the fantastic cowls of whose three huge chimneys, viewed from Wölfisheim, seem to be in Strasburg—so close is the "Mälzerei" to the suburbs—and form a conspicuous landmark that has excited longings in my breast every time I have contemplated it from afar during the past fortnight. These chimneys, in fact, are about seven hundred yards from the gate of the town, a comprehensive view of which they command; and have been shelled with considerable regularity from the ramparts, so that they, and the roof beneath them, are riddled with holes, of all shapes and sizes. A twenty-four pounder battery of six guns has been constructed close to the brewery, from the roof of which its fire is directed, the elevation and direction of each gun being dictated by an officer of artillery stationed, so to speak, in a chimney-pot. Colonel von H——, to whom my friendly guide introduced me, received me very kindly, and invited me to accompany him aloft to the chimney-pot in question, whence I could watch the batteries on both sides at work. My wildest hopes of attaining proximity to the French fire had not conducted my footsteps, even in optimistic visions, to the summit of this delightful brewery, so you can fancy with what alacrity I accepted his offer. The upward way was, like Mariana's wet afternoon, "long, and dark, and dreary," amongst heavy beams that lurked in shadow for the unsuspecting head, and wooden ladders of precarious foothold; but the view obtained from among the three quaint cowls was a crowning reward for the thumps and strumblings incurred in reaching their remote recesses. Almost under our feet—divided from us only by a green field of grass—every dent in its outworks and blemish in its ramparts plainly visible to the naked eye, lay Strasburg, nestling at the foot of its magnificent Minster, the tower and spire of which were dyed a dark red-purple by the rays of the setting sun. Immediately beneath us, answering every half-minute with a roar that shook the floor beneath our feet, and made the tiles above our heads rattle again, to the short, sharp command of the directing officer above-mentioned, were ranged six long black tubes peering over a ridge of freshly-turned clay towards the city, and dealing out death and ruin every time they strained their dark throats in awful utterance. During the ten minutes of my sojourn in that dusky eyrie they sent four shells into the work nearest us with such precision and force that about twenty feet of its outer face was blown outwards, as if by an earthquake. Suddenly the fortress replied with half a dozen big guns, in rapid succession; two shells from which struck ground in front of the battery, about twenty yards from the road passing the brewery gates, whilst one crashed into a cottage hard by a gasometer, a little to our left, and set its roof in a blaze within a minute. This was war in earnest; and I would have gladly remained in so advantageous a position for the rest of evening, but was compelled to withdraw at the request of my conductor, who informed me that the French would probably, according to their custom, throw a few shells at the look-out about nightfall, and he would rather not expose any amateur visitors to such serious casualties, as only too frequently occur within the precincts of his command. Accordingly, after thanking him for his courtesy, I took my leave, and returned, amid the deafening clamour of the batteries, to Maison Rouge, where I found Von B——n awaiting me, with the welcome intelligence that supper was ready, and a famous brew of punch in course of concoction, as a prelude to our night expedition. What a good supper it was, and what a jolly party—just six, the best number for a really social repast. My Baden comrades proved that they were excellently well off for *vivres* of all sorts. Plenty of wine, and delicious beer, capital beef and fowls, floury potatoes in their russet jackets, strong soups, white bread, fragrant sausage, and toothsome tongue, even French mustard and petite Gruyère. A green glass of honour was unanimously voted to our correspondent, as well as a capacious tin-handled fork, "the property of the oldest inhabitant," and secured by the officers' mess with a noble disregard to expense. After the course of ruddy and odorous sausage had been discussed, great steaming bowls of tea, made *secundum artem* by our president, appeared upon the scene, and were soon disposed of. Then came the punch, ultimate preliminary to the buckling on of swords and slinging of night-glasses that were the signal for our start towards the trenches. The nights wax cool, not to say cold, already; and an inner garment of hot punch is an excellent antidote to the damp evening chills. As soon as this assumed its sway, being in the act of warmth it yielded, set off at ten o'clock in the direction of Strasburg. We had hardly got clear of Eckbolsheim when the brilliant spectacle of a night bombardment was fully revealed to our eyes. Diverging to the left from the chaussée upon the open country—in effecting which movement, by the bye, the night being pitch dark, I got a rather heavy fall—we stood a while upon the broad green plain environing the city, with nothing between us and Strasburg but the angry batteries and the silent trenches crowded with infantry supports. From every direction within the range of our glasses came and went the bombs and shells, the former sailing through the air in sweeping, graceful curves, and seeming to drop quite gently into the town or trenches—the latter hurtling and screeching along in apparently straight lines, and betraying their arrival at their respective goals by a heavy thud and a loud crash of explosion. After spending a quarter of an hour in rapt contemplation of this splendidly terrible sight, we broke up our party, half of our number returning to the village to snatch a few hours' much needed sleep, and the other half, including myself, to push on to the foremost trench, occupied, as it happened, for the night by my friend, Captain Dumont,—a post of extreme danger. Challenged by a sentry and after guard, sentinel after sentinel, we walked quickly through a bye-path to the left, got under the shelter of a long wall, skirted by a narrow footpath, leading straight onwards to the *glacis* of the fortress, from which, at intervals, a flash of fire and deep toned "boom" warned us that its garrison was awake and busy. Ten minutes' sharp walking in profound silence brought us at last to the very front of fronts, where I found myself speedily shaking hands with Dumont, whose four and twenty hours' turn of trench duty was not to expire till half-past three this morning. The first injunction laid upon me was to extinguish my cigars, as they offed a capital mark for the sharpshooters in pits under the walls, from which we were only four hundred yards distant; the next, not to speak above a whisper, our voices being plainly audible to the marksmen in question, who are excellent hands at an approximate shot. These regulations having been complied with, I found myself in the situation in which the trench was lined, and bestowed our whole attention on the firing. This was of a rather complex description, as we were between the mortar and 24 lb. batteries and the fortress—the former firing over us, and the latter at us. We were so close, in fact, that when a shell from behind us struck a house in the faubourg of Strasburg immediately in our front, we could hear the shrieks of the affrighted women and children, as they fled into the streets from one danger to another. The city, upon our arrival, was already on fire in two places, whilst the debris of Schilligheim was burning on our left. As for the new 24-pounder battery, our near neighbour, its activity and *acharnement*—I know of no English synonym for the word—were simply appalling. Every gun it fired—and it must have fired sixty or seventy whilst I was near it—shook the earth beneath us, and seemed to drive in the drums of our ears. Fort Blanc treated us to some ordnance of a still heavier description—48-pounders, I should say, at the least. The Prussians, too, were unremitting in their attack from their batteries near Schilligheim; and every now and then the heavens were lustrous with flying luminaries, some like comets, some like falling stars, others like gleaming meteors, slowly gliding through infinite space to some unknown, undreamt-of celestial realm. Fireworks on so large a scale it had never been my good fortune to behold before last night; nor do I believe that the impression made upon my mind by those glowing aerial messengers of death will ever be eradicated as long as I live.

After a sojourn of considerable duration in what might be called the front row of stalls of the enormous theatre in which the bloody drama of war was being so vigorously acted, we left the trench and turned our steps towards Königshof. Before we had progressed, however, twenty yards, the sound of small-arms broke upon our ears, followed by a tremendous salvo from the fortress and an equally furious discharge from all the German batteries. "A sortie!" exclaimed Lieut. von G——m, who had, with the amiability of a true German gentleman, sacrificed a considerable slice of his night's rest to convey me to the front at the risk of his life, although he had also undergone four-and-twenty hours' duty in the trenches during the previous day and night; and a sortie it proved to be. For nearly a quarter of an hour the fire of chassepots and needle-guns was kept up in one continued roll like that of percussion drums as big as locomotive boilers, by Titans. We could hear the cheering, as the German arm triumphed over the French; and the tiny flashes of light indicating the locality of the contest quivered and sparkled in the black background like a host of tiny *feux follets*. As soon as the Schnellfeuer had ceased, and the chassepots were silenced, what a cannonade, great Heaven! was set up on both sides. One might have fancied that Nature was struggling in agonised throes symptomatic of approaching dissolution. There was scarcely a second's respite—for hours the deafening contest went on with savage persistence, every now and then bursting out into gusts of hideous clamour that feansed the ground to quiver for miles around. I could not tear myself away from the dread fascination of the scene until an early hour of the morning, when, fairly worn out with fatigue and excitement, I set back to the rough quarters prepared for me at Eckbolsheim. A litter of straw and a thick blanket were as welcome to me as the best bed in Christendom could ever be. The bare walls of the chamber in which my sumptuous couch was spread were rudely painted in an irregular bar pattern of bright blue and white, irksome to the eye and confusing to the intellect. I may be said to have slept in the Bavarian colours, under the Baden flag. My chambermaid was an orderly; my ablutions this morning were performed in a shallow bucket; and I awoke about five o'clock to the sound of the *réveillé* with my four extremities paralysed by the cold. But a hot pannikin of coffee soon restored the dulled circulation, and an excellent breakfast completely obliterated the small troubles attending my attempt at repose. Whilst we were engaged in the consumption of crisp white rolls and a mysterious sausage of local repute shaped like an attenuated sheep's tongue came the grand news from head-quarters of the victory over MacMahon's army at Beaumont. Orders were at once sent round to all the troops entrenched that, at a given signal later in the day, they should rise up and give three cheers, so as to let the French know that something big had happened. Moreover, printed telegrams of the event will be enclosed in bottles, and sent floating down the Ill to Strasburg, so that Uhrich may be put in possession of the latest intelligence without delay.

As an illustration of the good practice made by the French at short ranges, I may mention that, a short time after I left the trench in which I found Captain Dumont, three shells were pitched into it with admirable precision. One cut a non-commissioned officer's head clean off his shoulders; another tore out a Grenadier's back, leaving the lungs exposed; and the third wounded two men, fortunately not mortally. The poor fellow whose ribs were knocked out of him was brought in, still alive, early this morning, and I have just seen him. He is expected to die every minute—a fine handsome man of two-and-thirty, who leaves behind him a widow and several young children. As I went up to him, he managed faintly to whisper, "The flies! For God's sake, drive away the flies!" probably the last words he will utter in this world. From so gloomy and heart-rending a picture let me turn to a really comic incident that occurred yesterday afternoon, and filled Generals——'s command with a great and abiding joy that has not yet subsided. My servant, a very steady man, but altogether unaccustomed to the perils of the fray, was industriously engaged in watering my horses, and to that end had filled a large bucket at the village pump, which bucket he balanced neatly on his head, and was proceeding cautiously across the street towards the stable assigned to our use, when a French shell—one of the big ones that hum like huge hornets—came sailing through the air, some fifty yards above his head. His astonishment was such that his knees began to shake and his hands to lose their hold, the immediate result of which trepidation was to bring the bucket down with a run, and upset the whole of its contents over him, drenching him to the skin. You should have heard the howl of laughter set up by the soldiers standing round, who have got so thoroughly accustomed to these musical visitors, who announce their arrival so melodiously that they jeer and scoff at them with the utmost philosophy. Not only was my poor Fritz soaked handsomely, but decided to boot, until, like Lord Bateman, his life was quite weary.

Engineer and naval officers are busy with the draining of the waters flooding the country in front of Strasburg's southern defences, and it is anticipated that within a few days fresh trenches will be opened in ground now covered by several feet of water. In short, the siege is being hurried on with feverish eagerness, and every appliance of military science brought to bear upon the speedy reduction of the fortress. The daily loss of the German army is from twenty to five-and-twenty men, killed and wounded; that of the garrison and inhabitants probably ten times that number. We hear with great regret, this morning, that a shell, the day before yesterday, struck a girls' school in the town, and wounded nine young children. The trains of wounded from Metz succeed one another through Brumath with extraordinary rapidity, on the way to the Fatherland. I forbear sickening your readers with details of the horrors I have lately seen; but venture to hint that lint, surgical instruments, and, above all, money, are desperately needed throughout Germany at the present moment.

I cannot close this letter without subjoining to it the following General Order, published this morning, as a specimen of the morality animating the gallant, honest, and just-minded German commanders:—

"In buildings deserted by their inhabitants, and especially in the Chartreuse"—a large manufactory often referred to in my previous letters—"disorders of the most brutal and savage character have recently occurred, which cannot fail to cast grave reflections on the discipline and honour of the troops. It is expected that officers will take the most energetic measures to prevent the recurrence of similar disorders; that they will cause the localities to be strictly watched, and not permit any one to enter or plunder them. Resistance is to be encountered with the utmost severity; that is to say, such brutal ruffians are to be cut down or shot upon the spot.

"(Signed) ——, Colonel."

As another instance of the stringency with which the property of the inhabitants is protected, I may mention that on Wednesday a non-commissioned officer was tried by court-martial for extorting four bottles of wine from a peasant, and condemned to degradation from his rank and transferment to the second class of soldiers, with deprivation of the cockade—a keenly-felt disgrace—and two years' hard labour in a fortress; whilst two privates, for sharing his offence, were sentenced to six months' hard labour each; and two more to six weeks close arrest. The sentence was read out to-day to all the troops after assembly. The peasants of this district, to my personal knowledge, are loud in their praises of the soldiers, and openly contrast their honesty and good humour with the unprincipled conduct and rough behaviour of the French troops who were here before them. Many have brought back their wives and daughters, whom they had sent away at the approach of the army, and live in the most perfect harmony with their guests, in many cases sharing their excellent rations, smoking their cigars, and drinking their schnapps. It will not take long, believe me, to re-convert the Alsatians into thorough Germans, as enthusiastic for the Vaterland as ever a Berliner or a Munchener.—*Daily Telegraph.*

THE GERMAN ARMY AT METZ.

Camp before Metz, Aug. 30.

As I was leaving Pont-à-Mousson, I met another batch of Gardes Mobiles, 185 in number, who were being marched into the town as prisoners, their arms packed in a couple of country carts, and under the escort of a troop of Landwehr hussars. Surely these cannot be the descendants of those peasants of Lorraine who in 1814 threw themselves into Metz, Thionville, and Verdun, and withstood the repeated assaults of the Prussian troops with success? If so, either the people in the country of France care no longer for their hearths and homes, or they prefer Prussian rule to the present state of affairs. In passing through Pagny on my way back, I was subjected to a somewhat severe cross-examination by a smooth-shaven, oily-tongued priest, who did everything in his power to obtain information as to the position and number of the Prussian troops around Metz. So disagreeable became his importunities, that I was at length forced to inform him that I could not possibly conceive how one of his cloth could expect an answer to his questions from a person in my position. As I was passing through the village of Novéant, I met the remainder of the heavy ordnance that will, no doubt, shortly open upon the town of Metz, and a little further a train of Hessian artillery. The unfortunate horses are now beginning to suffer severely, the heavy fall of rain of the last two days having made the roads in a fearful state. Yesterday one battery lost sixteen horses. These troops (Hessian) are by no means so well horsed as the Prussian artillery. They are altogether smaller and less serviceable-looking animals, and are now completely covered with dried mud from mud-fever, in addition to the usual casualties of wrung withers and sore backs. What will be come of them in ten days' time? Upon my arrival in camp I found that two Army Corps instead of one had gone to reinforce the Crown Prince. In consequence of the weather nearly everybody was suffering from dysentery, while here and there was a case of cholera. The spirits of the troops were by no means good, the inactivity of the last few days, varied only by working parties and outpost duty being far from conducive to happiness. The camp was one sea of mud, through which it was by no way one with difficulty. I found that the head-quarters were established in the only habitable room of a house which had been occupied by the French on the 18th, and had consequently suffered severely from shells. I arrived just in time to hear the news of what had been going on during my absence. Our support I need not describe, but it was unusually good one, as I had supplied my saddle-bags pretty well before leaving Pagny, a bottle of punch-essence furnishing us with something wherewith to wet the after-dinner pipe, and a candle stuck in a bottle giving us all necessary light.

As usual, the reports that had reached Pont-à-Mousson were found to be greatly exaggerated. But it appears that on the 28th the French made a sortie in force along the valley of the Moselle in the direction of Thinoville. A division is supposed to have cut their way through, but the remainder were obliged to retire once more into Metz. There had been some affairs of outposts, but no news of the Crown Prince. At early hour two soldiers came in, spread the room with straw, and put the table out of the window. Nine of us then rolled ourselves in our cloaks, and disposed ourselves as well as we could. Just as daylight was breaking an officer woke us up with the pleasing intelligence that all our forage would be sent on at once to the Crown Prince.

August. 31.

At an early hour I rode to the front to see if anything had taken place during my absence. I found the works thrown up to protect the 8th Army Corps complete, and a battery to the right of the road to Metz, commanding Mont St. Quentin, in a fair way towards completion. It is needless to say that it is not the intention of the Prussian army to place any siege guns, or rather guns of heavy calibre, in this side. This battery will, however, be a sort of check upon the guns of Mont St. Quentin, and will protect the patrols entering the villages at the base of the mountain—viz., Rozerieulles, Sey, Longeville, and Ste. Ruffine. Whilst reconnoitring the former works, a somewhat interesting outpost affair between a patrol of the 60th Regiment and some French sharpshooters, took place close to Rozerieulles. The French chasseurs lined a vineyard just outside the village of Langeau, whilst the patrol of the 60th Regiment were posted about the gardens of Rozerieulles. The chasseurs had evidently stolen a march upon the Prussian patrol, for the first three shots killed one man and wounded two others. This loss was, however, quickly repaired by the sergeant of the Prussian patrol, who had wormed himself into a place where the walls of two vineyards joined; a convenient hole gave him his opportunity, which he did not fail to use. The first shot wounded the officer in command, the second killed a soldier who was in the act of taking aim, and the third wounded another. At the distance they were shooting—some 500 yards—the needle is infinitely superior to the chassepot; but from 600 to 1,000 and 1,200 yards, the chassepot is the better weapon. I make this assertion fearlessly, inasmuch as I am convinced every Prussian officer will bear me out. At the short distances the trajectory of the chassepot is too high; the bullets go over your head. For instance, at the battle of Gorze I lay in a small gravel pit about 400 yards from a battalion of the Garde Impérial; almost every shot went over the Prussian infantry, about one in fifty taking effect. After hammering away at one another for about an hour, the Prussians retired, and the Prussians took possession of the village of Rozerieulles. I then rode to the left of the line of outposts, where I found that the village of Lessy, hitherto unoccupied by the French, was now held by a strong force. The Jager of the 8th Battalion had stolen through a wood to the left of Châtel, an outpost occupied by the 28th Regiment, within 500 yards of a double French outpost; the Jäger, being protected by a wood, could see the French soldiers chatting and smoking their pipes, apparently quite unconscious of their proximity. The major in command was anxious to obtain leave to try and cut them out, but, fortunately for him, he had my telescope with me, and I pointed out two guns some 1,200 yards off, posted evidently in case of an advance out of the wood. The officers of the Prussian artillery and engineers are very ill-supplied with field glasses; the majority of them have none at all, whilst the other arms of the service trust mostly to their eyesight, which, as a rule, is anything but good, for in a regiment you will probably see from ten to a dozen officers who wear glasses. Some better arrangements have lately been adopted for the preservation of health. The men who are told off for working parties are not permitted to drink water, but each has a portion of cooked wine or hot spirits and water served out to him on his marching out and on his return; he has also a ration of properly cooked meat without potatoes prepared; and these wise arrangements have done much towards reducing the rapidly increasing sick reports.

On my return to camp I found that orders had arrived from the Crown Prince to the effect that 4,000 wagons should be despatched daily for the maintenance of his army. Where the provisions are to come from is a thing I cannot pretend to say. The country for miles round here is quite destitute; and unless the Rhine provinces can supply the necessary provisions by means of the railroad now opened to Ars-sur-Moselle, I very much fear the Crown Prince will be in a bad way. So little has he in the way of provisions that he has been forced to send back one army corps already. I got some German newspapers to read this afternoon; in one, the *Kölnische Zeitung* of the 23rd, I perceive a gross misstatement respecting the battle of Gravelotte. It says that the 33rd Regiment, after taking St. Hubert, the hamlet to the left of Malmaison, was driven out by the French, and that the 8th Jägers came up and retook it. This is a gross injustice to a fine regiment: from the advance of the corps behind Gravelotte to the end of the action, they never retired one step